

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app 2 § 10(d)(1996), and in accordance with Executive Order 12958, in the interest of national defense and foreign policy, it has been determined that these Board meetings will be closed to the public, since the ACNAB members will be reviewing and discussing classified matters.

The purpose of this Advisory Board is to advise the President and the Secretary of State on scientific, technical, and policy matters affecting arms control. The Board will review specific arms control and nonproliferation issues. Members will be briefed on current U.S. policy and issues regarding negotiations such as the Convention on Conventional Weapons and the Chemical and Biological Weapons Convention.

The Board deeply regrets the short notice which was necessitated by a medical emergency. For more information concerning the meetings, please contact Robert Sherman, Executive Director, Arms Control and Nonproliferation Advisory Board, at (202) 647-1192.

Dated: April 6, 2000.

Robert Sherman,

Executive Director, Secretary of State's Arms Control and Nonproliferation Advisory Board, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3264]

Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy; Meeting Notice

The Department of State is announcing a special meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. The Committee provides a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communication services, providers of such services, technology research and development, foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country interests.

This special meeting will take the format of a hearing to solicit and receive testimony on the subject of "best

practices" used by telecommunications regulators, competition authorities, and legislatures, etc. outside the United States that facilitate competition in the provision of telecommunications services and/or networks.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee soliciting this testimony is to develop a list of these best policies implemented by countries outside the United States that will be helpful to the Department of State and the U.S. Government more broadly in recognizing and promoting pro-competitive telecommunications practices abroad. The intent is that these will provide concrete examples of where and how telecommunications competition has been implemented successfully. These "best practices" may take the form of the adoption of general policies, particular sets of rules, particular pricing regimes, specific enforcement initiatives, a particular form of regulation or specific transition requirement in moving from a monopoly situation to a competitive environment.

The target audience from whom the Advisory Committee would like to solicit this testimony includes the telecommunications and information technology industries, consumer groups, academia, lawyers, and consultants, as well as from the general public.

The Advisory Committee requests that interested parties provide written submissions, not to exceed two pages for each best practice (not counting attachments), that answer the following questions:

Best Practice

1. What is the best practice? (Describe it. What competitive issues does it address? How has the practice been pro-competitive?)
2. Who implemented the practice and how transferable does the submitter think it will be to other countries?
3. What next steps can be taken to improve this practice?
4. Identify your name, organization, and contact information (phone number and e-mail address). Please state whether someone from your organization is willing to attend the meeting scheduled for May 15, 2000 at the Department of State in Washington to briefly present this suggestion (3-5 minute presentation depending upon the number of suggestions submitted).

Written material must be submitted electronically to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Committee, Timothy C. Finton, at <fintontc@state.gov> no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on Wednesday, May 3. Additionally, hardcopies of submissions may be

mailed to Timothy C. Finton at EB/CIP, Room 4826, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC to be received by May 3.

The meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2000, from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Room 1107 of the Main Building of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 "C" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the State Department Building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Timothy C. Finton at <fintontc@state.gov>. All attendees for this meeting must use the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID. Non-U.S. Government attendees must be escorted by State Department personnel at all times when in the State Department building.

For further information, contact Timothy C. Finton, Executive

Secretary of the Committee, at (202) 647-5385 or <fintontc@state.gov>.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

Timothy C. Finton,

Executive Secretary of the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3266]

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy Open Meeting Notice

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, in Room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520. The meeting will be hosted by Committee Chairman R. Michael Gadbaw and Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs Alan P. Larson.

The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity concerning issues and problems in international economic policy. The objective of the ACIEP is to provide expertise and insight on these

issues that are not available within the U.S. Government.

Topics for the June 13 meeting will be:

- Priority Democracies: Colombia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Ukraine.
- U.S.-EU Summit Issues.
- G-8 Summit Preview.
- Updates on:
 - Sanctions
 - Biotechnology
 - China—WTO Accession
 - Other Current Foreign Policy Issues

The public may attend these meetings as seating capacity allows. The media is welcome but discussions are off the record. Admittance to the Department of State building is by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on this list, please provide your name, title, company or other affiliation if appropriate, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to the ACIEP Executive Secretariat by fax (202) 647-5936 (Attention: Carol Thompson) or email: (thompsonce@state.gov) by June 6th. On the date of the meeting, persons who have registered should come to the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid means of identification will be required for admittance: a U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government ID.

For further information about the meeting, contact Carol Thompson, ACIEP Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Room 3638, Main State, Washington, DC 20520.

The ACIEP is creating a working group comprised of experts in fields such as science, academia, agriculture, consumer interests, environment, and industry to examine issues regarding new agricultural technologies, including biotechnology. This group will generate recommendations on international aspects of new agricultural technologies and will report back to the full committee. The group will be comprised of approximately 20 people.

Those interested in participating in the working group should send a resume/CV by April 28 to: Agricultural Office, Attention: S. Kenny, Department of State, 2201 C St NW, Room 3526, Washington, DC 20520, Fax: 202-647-1894, Email: kennyse@state.gov, thompsonce@state.gov.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

William J. McGlynn,

Executive Secretary of the Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7205]

Management of High-Speed Commercial Vessel Traffic

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is holding a public meeting to solicit comments on the impact of high-speed commercial vessels, both ferries and cargo vessels, on the users of the navigable waters of the United States. The growth of fast ferries in some metropolitan areas is increasing because these ferries appear to be viable options to highway commuting. Likewise, the logistical preference for "just in time" supply increases the likelihood that operation of fast cargo vessels will grow. By their speed and potential numbers, high-speed commercial vessels introduce another dimension into the conventional mix of slower commercial vessels, fishing vessels, and recreational vessels.

Some mariners already believe the waterways to be too congested with existing vessels. The Coast Guard hopes to receive input from all stakeholders on this issue so it can determine if there is a need for regulatory and other policy action that will enhance waterways safety for all vessels. It is particularly interested in which options should be dealt with locally, and which have regional or national implications. It will consider all comments received from this meeting and those submitted to the docket to formulate policy on the management of national waterways.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; but will conclude before 4 p.m. if we finish early. Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before July 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the Executive Inn, Bayside Room, 1755 Embarcadero, Oakland, CA.

To make sure your comments and related materials enter the docket just once, please submit them by just one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility [USCG-2000-7205], U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC,

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public will become parts of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access the public docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this public meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander George H. Burns III, Office of Waterways Management Safety and Security (G-MWP-2), Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-0550, e-mail GBurns@comdt.uscg.mil. We request that those attending the meeting contact LCDR Burns to ensure that adequate space is available. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, phone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage your participation by attending the meeting or by submitting comments and related material on this subject or in response to the questions in this notice. If you submit written comments, please include your name and address, and identify this notice [USCG-2000-7205] and the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing to the Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**. If you want acknowledgement of receipt of your comments, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received whether submitted in writing to the docket or presented during the meeting.