

Dated: August 30, 2000.

Helena Kane Finn,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3405]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Taoism And the Arts of China"

AGENCY: United States Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Taoism And the Arts of China," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Art Institute of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois from on or about November 2, 2000 to on or about January 7, 2001, and at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, California from on or about February 21, 2001 to on or about May 12, 2001 is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6981). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3386]

Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution; Notice of Meeting

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution (SPMP), a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee, will conduct an open meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2000, at 9:30 AM in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the agenda items to be considered at the forty fourth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 45) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). MEPC 45 will be held from October 2—October 6, 2000. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for MEPC 45 will be discussed.

The major items for discussion for MEPC 45 will include the following:

- a. Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- b. Implementation of the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol;
- c. Harmful effects of the use of anti-fouling paints for ships;
- d. Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- e. Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- f. Interpretation and amendments of MARPOL 73/78 and related Codes
- g. Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- h. Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 and related Codes;
- i. Formal safety assessment including environmental indexing of ships; and
- j. Matters related to the 1973 Intervention Protocol.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information or documentation pertaining to the meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander John Meehan, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; Telephone: (202) 267-2714; E-mail: jmeehan@comdt.uscg.mil; or On-line at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/gm/mso/mso4/mepc.html>

Dated: August 28, 2000.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3387]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; International Maritime Organization Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2000, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the Eighty-Second Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee (LEG 82) and to also prepare for the next meeting of the Joint International Maritime Organization/International Labor Organization Ad Hoc Expert Working Group on Liability and Compensation Regarding Claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers (IMO/ILO Ad Hoc Expert Working Group).

IMO headquarters in London will host LEG 82, which will be held from 16 through 20 October 2000. The Legal Committee will continue work on a draft protocol to the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and Their Luggage By Sea, and on the draft Wreck Removal Convention. The committee will also consider a proposal to increase the limits of compensation under the 1992 protocols to the 1969 International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage and the 1971 International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage. The Legal Committee will then turn its attention to the implementation of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection With the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, and time will also be allotted to address any other issues on the Legal Committee's work program on which there are questions or comments.

The IMO/ILO Ad Hoc Expert Working Group will meet at IMO headquarters from 30 October through 3 November 2000, and will continue to examine the issue of financial security for seafarers and their dependents with regard to compensation in cases of personal injury, death and abandonment. During this meeting, the group will review and analyze information received in response to a questionnaire sent to member states.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views in