DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2017–0723]

Public Workshop on Marine Technology and Standards

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, in coordination with the United States Coast Guard, is sponsoring a two-day public workshop on marine technology and standards in Washington, DC. This document provides information regarding the workshop, including registration information. The workshop will provide a unique opportunity for industry groups, classification societies, standards development organizations, government organizations, and other interested members of the public to come together for a professional exchange of information on topics ranging from technological impacts on the marine industry, corresponding coverage in related codes and standards, and government regulations.

DATES: The two-day workshop will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017, and Tuesday, October 17, 2017. The deadline for advance registration is Monday, October 2, 2017. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below for a list of proposed topics, fees, and information on how to register for the workshop.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Liaison Capitol Hill hotel in Washington, DC. The hotel is located at 415 New Jersey Avenue NW., Washington, DC. For registration information or to obtain further information about this workshop, visit the USCG Web site at http://www.uscg.mil/marine_event.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this document you may contact Amy McNulty, Acting Director, Division of the Executive Secretariat.

NOTE: For Further Information Contact: S. Weeks, Project Planning, USCG/ASME Workshop, by telephone at (202) 372–1379; or Mr. Joseph S. Brzuszkievicz, Project Engineering Manager, ASME, by telephone at (212) 591–8533, or email: BrzuszkieviczJ@asme.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers/United States Coast Guard (ASME/USCG) Workshop on Marine Technology and Standards provides a unique opportunity for classification societies, industry groups, standards development organizations, government agencies, and interested members of the public to come together for a professional exchange of information on topics ranging from technological impacts on the marine industry, corresponding coverage in related codes and standards, and government regulations.

The public workshop is sponsored by the ASME in coordination with the USCG Office of Design and Engineering Standards. ASME is a standards setting organization with wide-ranging volunteer committee membership, which includes USCG-supported personnel who serve as members of various ASME committees in support of USCG missions in maritime safety and environmental protection. The USCG Office of Design and Engineering Standards is responsible for developing regulations and design standards that govern the safe design and construction of ships and shipboard equipment, including hull structure, stability, electrical and mechanical systems, lifesaving and fire safety equipment, and related equipment approval and laboratory acceptance.

This workshop comprises a series of panel sessions over a two-day period covering a variety of topics. Proposed topics include:

Transport and Use of Natural Gas

Considers shipboard systems involved in the handling and transport of CNG/LNG as cargo. This panel will also consider the handling and use of natural gas as a shipboard fuel, addressing, among other things, systems, containment, fuel quality, safety considerations. Will also consider recent international and domestic requirements, including environmental considerations.

Use of Alternative Fuels for Ship Systems

Considers containment and handling systems, bunkering systems and safety considerations for fuels other than natural gas. Also considers the latest requirements and standards used by ship owners and designers, including the IMO Gas-Fueled Ships Code (IGF Code). Some examples include biofuels, hydrogen, and methanol. Also considers costs associated with infrastructure, training, operations and maintenance.

Infrastructure for Alternative Energy Sources

Considers international and domestic requirements for infrastructure such as offshore structures and servicing vessels for alternative energy sources such as wind farms and tidal generators.

Offshore Marine Technology

Considers technological advancements in a variety of subjects affecting the offshore industry and the marine transportation system. This includes systems for ensuring the safe and effective offshore exploration and extraction of energy resources, including dynamic positioning, hazardous areas, and safety systems. Will consider lessons learned from operations as well as application of related standards.

Shipboard Technologies for Energy Efficiency

Polar Ship Design, Construction, and Operation

Consider requirements within the recently adopted IMO Polar Code and the IACS Polar Class rules. This includes vessel design considerations for low temperature environments. Also considers experiences of organizations operating ships in Polar Waters.

Marine Environmental Protection (MARPOL 73/78)

Considers issues, technologies, equipment and standards under the Annexes to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78). Topics include pollution prevention requirements and standards for oil, sewage, garbage, ballast water, and air emissions.

Pressure Vessels for Human Occupancy

Considers operation, training, safety, design and maintenance issues as well as the requirements within the ASME PVHO—1 & PVHO—2 Code and the IMO guidelines for diving systems (IMO Code of Safety for Diving Systems) and passenger submersibles (MSC/Circ.981—Guidelines for the design, construction and operation of passenger submersible craft).

Autonomous Ship Technology, Automation & Cybersecurity

Considers issues/advancements regarding automation and autonomous ship technology, as well as the intercept with cybersecurity.

Regulatory/Classification Society Developments

Considers latest international and domestic developments and requirements regarding safety and environmental protection impacting the maritime community.

Web Sites

For additional information on this workshop, visit the USCG Web site at http://www.uscg.mil/marine_event.

Registration

Registration is now open; to register for this workshop, visit the ASME Web site: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.asme.org_v2/url?u=https-3A__www.asme.org to view the docket, see instructions at the conclusion of this event. For further information contact: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Summaries of comments made and materials presented will be available on the docket at the conclusion of this event. To view the docket, see instructions above in ADDRESSES.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

Persons with disabilities who require special assistance should advise us of the anticipated special needs as early as possible by one of the individuals listed above in ADDRESS.

Adjournment

Please note that the workshop may adjourn early if all business is finished.

Authority

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection [1651–0025]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Report of Diversion


 ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments; extension of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published in the Federal Register to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted (no later than October 10, 2017) to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651–0025 in the subject line and the agency name. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only one of the following methods to submit comments:

(1) Email. Submit comments to: CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov.

(2) Mail. Submit written comments to CBP Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229–1177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to CBP Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229–1177, or via email CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov. Please note that the contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877–227–5511, (TTY) 1–800–877–8339, or CBP Web site at https://www.cbp.gov/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including