

statistical guidelines, please contact Dr. Patrick Flanagan, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U. S. Department of Transportation; 202-366-4168 (not a toll-free call) or by email at [pat.flanagan@bts.dot.gov](mailto:pat.flanagan@bts.dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department's information quality guidelines will apply to a wide variety of its information dissemination activities in order to meet basic information quality standards set forth by Section 515. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a framework under which the Department will allow affected persons an opportunity to seek and obtain correction of information maintained and disseminated by the Department that does not comply with these guidelines. DOT designated the Departmental Chief Information Officer (CIO) as the senior official responsible for DOT compliance with these guidelines. Final guidelines will be effective October 1, 2002.

The written procedures established within DOT's guidelines apply to all organizational components of the Department. For DOT organizations that require additional guidelines, these organizations should implement corresponding procedures that meet the terms of these Departmental guidelines. For the purposes of these guidelines, the term "DOT organizations" refer to:

Office of the Secretary (OST)  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)  
Office of the Inspector General (OIG)  
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)  
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)  
Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
Maritime Administration (MARAD)  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  
Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)  
Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC)  
Transportation Administrative Service Center (TASC)  
Transportation Security Administration (TSA)  
United States Coast Guard (USCG)

As provided in OMB's guidelines implementing Section 515, the Department is publishing this notice of availability of its draft quality guidelines in the **Federal Register**. The draft guidelines themselves are posted on the Department's DMS website at <http://dms.dot.gov> to provide an

opportunity for public comment. We invite comments on all aspects of the guidelines, with emphasis on the following general questions:

1. Are the Department's draft guidelines adequate for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of its disseminated information as set out in OMB's notice of January 3, 2002?

2. Are the Department's procedures for allowing affected persons to seek and obtain correction of information appropriate?

Instructions for filing comments may also be found in the guidelines document posted on the Department's DMS web site. The Department will review all comments submitted in response to its draft guidelines. The comments will be available for public review on the DMS web site.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

#### International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct public meetings in preparation for and to report the results of the twenty-first session of the United Nation's Sub-Committee on Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) to be held July 1-10, 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland.

**DATES:** June 18, 2002 1-3:30 pm, Room 6244-6248, July 24, 2002, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Room 3328.

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held at DOT Headquarters, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Richard, International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of

Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-0656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the first meeting will be to prepare for the twenty-first session of the UNSCOE and to discuss U.S. positions on UNSCOE proposals. The primary purpose of the second meeting will be to provide a briefing on the outcome of the UNSCOE session. Topics to be covered during the public meetings include: (1) Criteria for Environmentally Hazardous Substances, (2) Requirements for the transport of solids in bulk containers including portable tanks, (3) Harmonized requirements for compressed gas cylinders, (4) Classification of individual substances, (5) Requirements for packagings used to transport hazardous materials including a US proposal to require a vibration test, (6) Requirements for infectious substances and genetically modified micro-organisms, (7) Hazard communication requirements including the comprehensibility for the proposed Globally Harmonized System labels, (8) emergency response requirements and (9) Requirements applicable to small quantities of hazardous materials in transport (consumer commodities).

The public is invited to attend without prior notification. Due to the heightened security measures participants are encouraged to arrive early to allow time for security checks necessary to obtain access to the building.

#### Documents

Copies of documents for the UNSCOE meeting and the meeting agenda may be obtained by downloading them from the United Nations Transport Division's web site at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/c32002.html>. This site may also be accessed through RSPA's Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/intstandards.htm>. RSPA's site provides information regarding the UNSCOE and related matters such as a summary of decisions taken at the twentieth session of the UNSCOE.

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