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Notice of Public Meeting to Prepare for International Maritime Organization MSC 111 Session

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, by teleconference. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 112th session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 112), to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom from Monday, December 14, 2026, to Friday, December 18, 2026.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Amendments to mandatory instruments
- Goal-based new ship construction standards
- Development of a goal-based instrument for maritime autonomous surface ships (MASS)
- Development of a safety regulatory framework to support the reduction of GHG emissions from ships using new technologies and alternative fuels
- Measures to enhance maritime security
- Piracy and armed robbery against ships
- Ship systems and equipment (Report of the twelfth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Navigation, communications and search and rescue (Report of the thirteenth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Implementation of IMO instruments (Report of the twelfth session of the Sub-Committee)
- Carriage of cargoes and containers (Urgent matters emanating from the twelfth session of the Sub-Committee)

- Application of the Committee's method of work
- Work programme
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2027
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee on its 112th session

Please note: The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the MSC 112 agenda to accommodate any constraints associated with the meeting. Although no changes to the agenda are anticipated, if any are necessary, they will be provided to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate may contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Emily Sysko, by e-mail at Emily.T.Sysko@uscg.mil, by phone at (571) 608-7756 by November 27, 2026. Members of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise LCDR Emily Sysko no later than November 27, 2026. Requests made after that date will be considered but might not be possible to fulfill.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO.

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