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WORKSHOP ON THE 2010 HNS CONVENTION

March 17-18, 2016 Montréal, Québec, Canada

Administrative Bulletin

As of January 5, 2016

Canada

1. PURPOSE

This bulletin provides administrative, logistical and general information for the international workshop on the 2010 Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) Convention hosted by the Government of Canada, to be held on March 17-18, 2016 in Montréal, Québec, Canada.

2. BACKGROUND

The 1996 HNS Convention, as amended by the 2010
Protocol, became the 2010 HNS Convention. A total of eight states signed the 2010 HNS Protocol, subject to ratification.

The entry into force of the HNS Convention would result in filling a critical gap in the global network of liability and compensation conventions for ship-source pollution. The HNS regime complements the international oil pollution liability and compensation regime. It covers significantly more substances and damages, including certain damages from persistent oils that are not covered by the oil regime The HNS regime would provide compensation of up to approximately $450 million.

The HNS Convention will enter into force 18 months after the date on which it has been ratified by at least 12 states, four of which have a registered tonnage of not less than two million, with a minimum of 40 million tonnes of contributing cargo between the ratifying states.

Given the contributory nature of the Convention, it is important to have a critical mass of states that represent a certain volume of bulk HNS cargo ready to trigger the Convention's entry into force. Currently, a number of states are working towards the implementation and eventual ratification of the HNS Convention.

This workshop is a critical step in bringing the HNS Convention into force, as it will allow for in-depth work to be done in advance of the next annual IMO meeting and provide a discussion forum for states that have not yet taken steps to implement the Convention. It will provide a medium for in-depth discussions about the implementation of the HNS Convention, the opportunity to share lessons learned and best practices and to hear from industry, and to plan next steps to further facilitate the ratification of the HNS Convention by member states.

MEETING VENUE AND FACILITIES

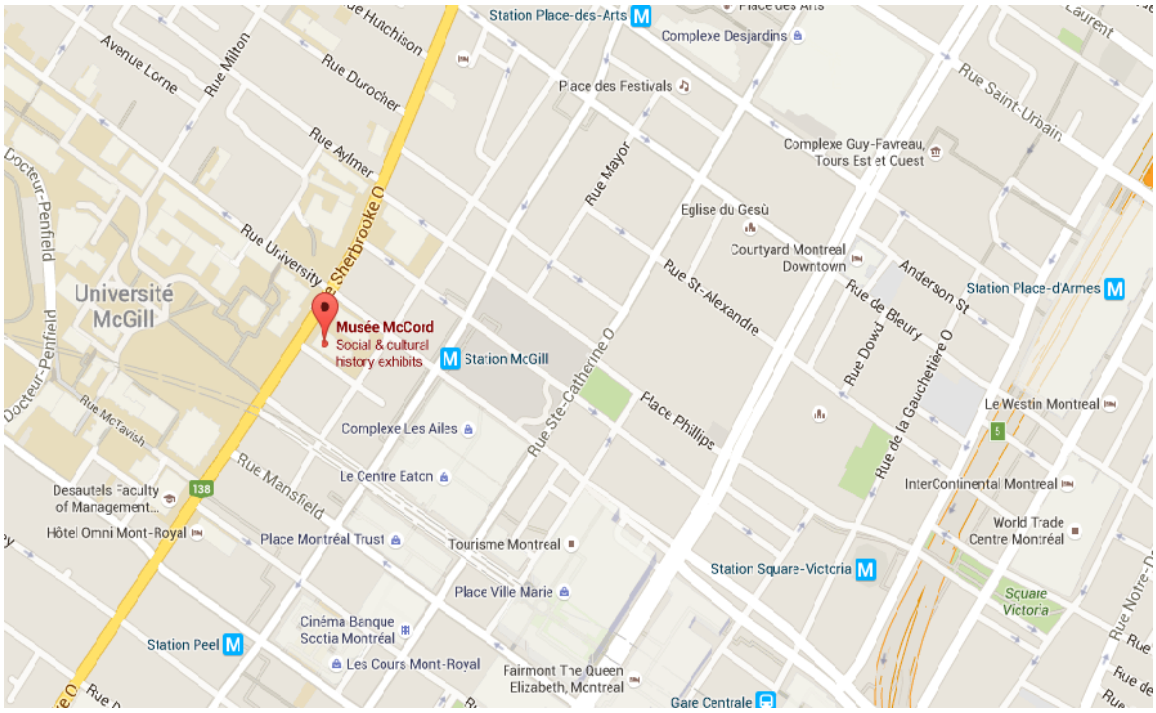
The workshop on the 2010 HNS Convention will be held at the McCord Museum in Montréal.

McCord Museum
690 Rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Montréal,
Website: http://www.musee-mccord.qc.ca/en/
Tel: +1-514-398-7100

The McCord Museum is located in downtown Montréal and is a close neighbour of McGill University.

The nearest Metro station is the McGill station on the Green Line. Bus routes which pass close to the McCord Museum include: numbers 15 at Station McGill, 24 on Sherbrooke/Robert Bourassa streets, and 61 from Station McGill (Union/Maisonneuve).

For information on local transit, please visit the following website: **http://www.stcum.qc.ca**.



3. LANGUAGE

This event will be conducted in English.

4. POINTS OF CONTACT

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5. REGISTRATION

All participants will need to register for the workshop and space is limited. For registration, please fill out the attached registration form (Annex B) and return it by email to catherine.rochette@tc.gc.ca (c.c.francois.marier@tc.gc.ca) by March 1st, 2016.

6. DRESSCODE

The dress code for this event is business attire.

7. DELEGATES' KIT

All participants will be provided with a meeting kit containing the program, handouts, and other materials.

8. EXPENSES

There is no registration fee to attend the HNS Workshop. Participants are expected to cover their own expenses. However, during the event on March 17-18, lunches as well as morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. There will also be a reception on the evening of March 17.

9. ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels and suites which are close to the McCord Museum are listed below for your convenience. Please note that some of these hotels may offer special rates for government officials.

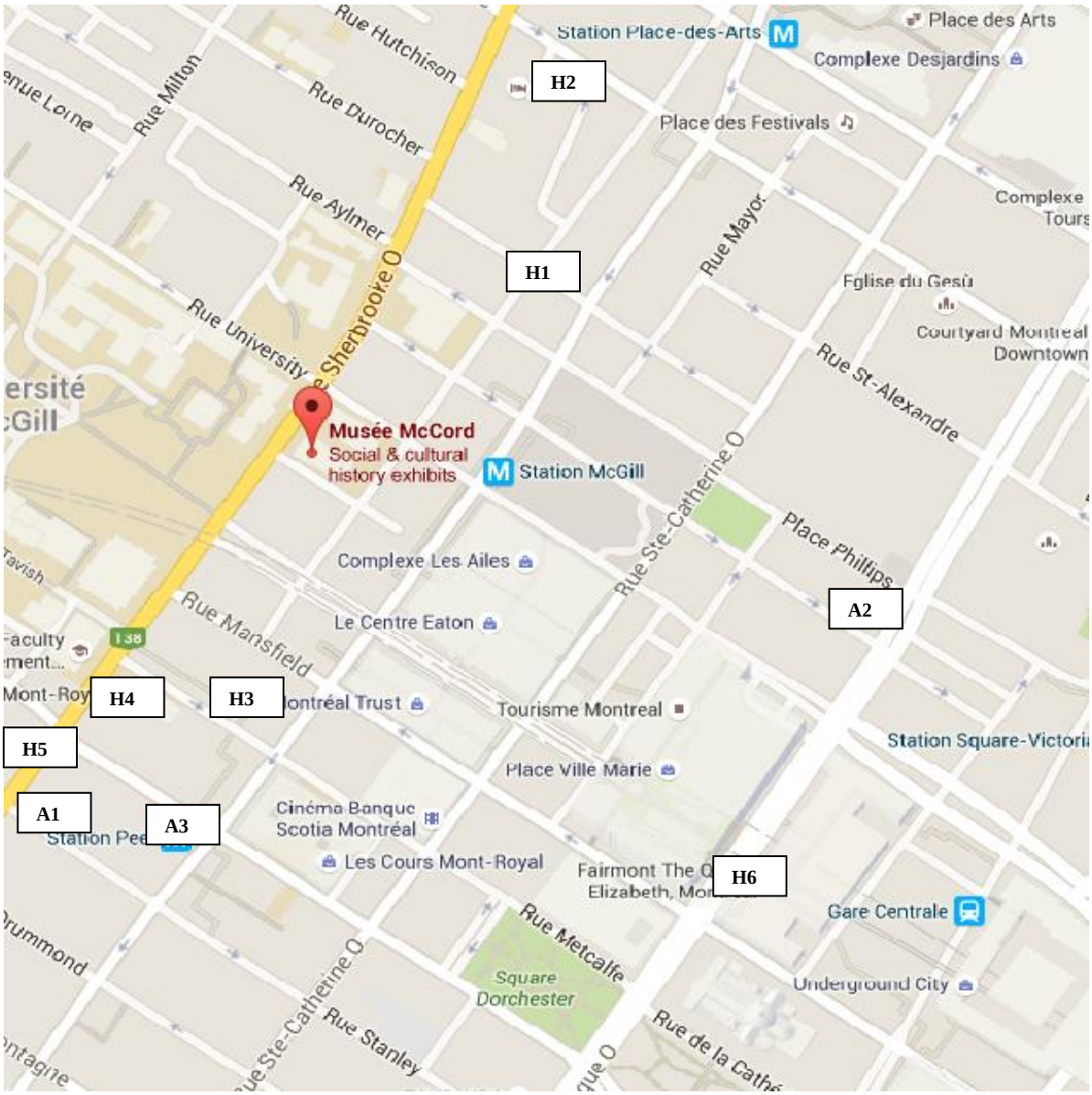
Hotels

Delta Hôtel Montreal **(H1 – on map below)** 475 Avenue du Président-Kennedy Phone: +1-514-286-1986 Reservations: +1-888-890-3222 https://www.deltahotels.com/Hotels/Delta-Montreal
Hilton Garden Inn **(H2)** 380 Rue Sherbrooke Ouest Tel: +1-514-840-0010 http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/quebec/hilton-garden-inn-montreal-centre-ville-YULCVGI/index.html
Le Germain **(H3)** 2050, rue Mansfield Tel: +1-514 849-2050 Toll-free: +1-877 333-2050 http://www.legermainhotels.com/en/montreal

Omni Mont-Royal **(H4)** 1050, rue Sherbrooke Ouest Tel: +1-514-284-1110 Toll-free: +1-888-444-OMNI http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/montreal-mont-royal
Best Western Ville-Marie Hotel and Suites **(H5)** 3407 rue Peel Tel: +1-514-288-4141 Toll-free: +1-800-361-7791 http://www.hotelvillemarie.com/
Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth **(H6)** 900 boulevard René Lévesque Ouest. Tel.: + 1-514-861-3511 Toll-free : +1-866-540-4483 http://www.fairmont.com/queen-elizabeth-montreal/

Apartment Hotels (Suites)

Le Cantlie Suites **(A1)** 1110, rue Sherbrooke Ouest Tel. : +1-800-567-1110 Toll-free: +1-888-CANTLIE http://www.hotelcantlie.com/
Le Square Philips Hotel and Suites **(A2)** 1193 Place Phillips Tel: +1-514-393-1193 Toll free: +1-866-393-1193 http://www.squarephillips.com/
Marriott Residence Inn Montreal Centre-Ville **(A3)** 2045 Rue Peel Tel.: +1-514-982-6064 Toll-free: +1-888-236-2427 http://www.residenceinn-mtl.com



10. VISA ARRANGEMENTS AND ENTRY FORMALITIES

All participants must be in possession of a valid passport (validity not less than 6 months after date of arrival) or applicable travel documents with visas or entry permits to enter into Canada. An invitation letter is attached at Annex A.

Starting March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada will need an **Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).** Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travelers with a valid visa. While applying for an eTA just take a few minutes to complete, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (CIC) advises that participants requiring an eTA to come to Canada should apply for an eTA before booking their flight to Canada.

For further information on the eTA, including a list of countries requiring an eTA to Canada, please consult the following website: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

CIC advises that participants requiring a visa to come to Canada apply at least 4 weeks (20 business days) in advance of their departure dates. For further information on visas, including a list of countries requiring a visa to Canada, please consult the following website: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

The nearest Canadian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate also has information related to eTA and visas. For a list, please visit: http://travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates

11. AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION

Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (**http://www.admtl.com**), 22 km west of downtown, serves all domestic, U.S. and international passenger flights. Direct flights from London are available with Air Canada and British Airways. Other airlines serving Montréal include Air France, KLM, Lufthansa, Swiss, Royal Air Maroc, SkyGreece, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines, AeroMexico, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, United Airlines and US Airways.

A taxi ride from anywhere in town to Trudeau Airport costs a flat rate of CDN$40. Pre-booked Limousine services are also available. 747 P.-E Trudeau Airport/Centre-Ville shuttle bus service runs between the Montréal-Trudeau airport and the downtown bus terminal (+1-514-868-3737) and the Gare d'autocars de Montréal terminal. Fares are lower than taxis: CDN$10 to or from Trudeau Airport. It is also possible to get to Trudeau Airport by taking regular city buses: the 211 and the 204 will get you there from downtown, but the 211 could be difficult with a lot of baggage at busy times of day.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

Montréal is the largest city in the province of Québec and the second largest in Canada, with a metropolitan population of 3,824,221 and, after Paris, is the second largest francophone city in the world.

Climate

Montréal's climate varies a lot over the year. In March, the average temperature is -2°C (28°F). The current weather conditions are available at:
http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/qc-147_metric_e.html.

Time Zone

Montréal, Québec operates under the Eastern Time zone, which is UTC/GMT -5 hours. Please see **http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/** for more information.

Telephone Services

The international dialling code for Canada is 1. The area code for Montréal is 514.

Emergency Phone Number for police, ambulance and fire emergency is 911.

Electricity

Electrical outlets in Canada provide the same current as in the United States: 110 volts (60 cycles). If you are travelling from Europe or elsewhere, you will need an adapter to use your small appliances, if they are designed for a different standard.

Business Hours

Government office hours are generally from 8:00 or 9:00 to 16:00 or 17:00 Monday through Friday. In downtown Montréal, most stores open between 9:00 and 10:00, closing at 21:00 Monday through Friday. Stores have reduced operating hours on Saturday and Sunday, opening later in the morning and closing between 17:00 and 19:00.

Currency

The local currency is the Canadian Dollar. The exchange rates (for $1 CDN) as of January 5, 2016 are:

$0.72 US Dollars
€0.66 Euro
£0.49 UK Pound Sterling
¥85.40 Japanese Yen
$1.00 Australian Dollars

The current exchange rate for all currencies is available at the Bank of Canada website:
http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/rates/converter.html

Federal and Provincial Taxes

A federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 5% is charged on most goods and services in Canada. A Québec provincial tax (TVQ) of 9.975 % is added to all goods and services purchased in the province of Quebec.

Tipping

Most of the time, the service charges are not included in the billing. A tip is usually expected in restaurants, bars and taxis. In most cases, a tip in the range of 15% - 20% is perfectly acceptable. However, you may use your own discretion as to how much you are willing to tip.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in public conveyances and public facilities, including airports, train and bus stations, hotels, restaurants, bars and conference halls.

Travel Health Insurance

Meeting participants may wish to purchase travel health insurance to avoid cost of medical care in Canada. Participants will be responsible for any costs incurred at other medical facilities, hospitals, or pharmacies.

Tourism

Montréal has a unique mix of historical, natural, cultural and entertainment attractions. The Infotouriste Centre is located in downtown at 1255 rue Peel.

Top attractions: Old Port area, the Notre-Dame Basilica, Mount Royal, the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, the Montréal Biodôme and Insectarium, the Biosphère, the Montréal Botanical Gardens, Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, St. Patrick's Basilica, St. George's Anglican, the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal and the Casino de Montréal.

Shopping areas: Montréal Eaton Centre, Marché Jean-Talon, Marché Bonsecours, rue Crescent, Promenades Cathédrales, Cours Mont-Royal, rue Saint-Denis and rue Sainte-Catherine.

Outdoor attractions: Île Ste-Hélène (site of Expo 1967), Parc Jean-Drapeau, Île Notre-Dame (site of the Grand Prix), Parc Olympique (site of 1976 Summer Olympics) and La Ronde Amusement Park.

Performance arts and entertainment: Bell Centre, Place des Arts, Montreal Symphony House

Events, festivals and celebration: The special events during the week of the HNS Workshop is the International Film Festival on Art (March 10-20), and Saint Patrick's Day (March 17).

Out-of-town attractions: Montréal is 135km from Mont-Tremblant, 207km from Ottawa, and 253km from Québec City and are possible by car or train. Visits to other destinations such as Kingston (290km from Montréal) Toronto (546km from Montréal) and Niagara Falls (678km from Montréal), are possible either by car, train, or by routing flights through Toronto's Lester B. Pearson International Airport for a stop-over. Many hotels in Toronto have arrangements with tour companies that provide same-day tours to Niagara Falls.

The following websites provide comprehensive tourism information:

http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/
http://www.bonjourquebec.com/
http://www.travelcanada.ca/
http://www.viarail.ca (for train travel information within Canada)
http://www.ontariotravel.net
http://www.tourismniagara.com/