AAPA CRUISE SEMINAR

"POLICY ISSUES IMPACTING CRUISE PORTS"

February 8, 2006
ICCL Focus Efforts

- Safety/Security
- Public Health/Medical Facilities
- Environmental Responsibility
- Passenger Protection
- Legislative Activities
CRUISE INDUSTRY
IN REVIEW
2005
SAFETY/SECURITY

- Rogue Waves
- Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Wilma
  - Industry provided $10m in relief
- Port Damage
- FEMA Charters
- Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative
- Piracy
- Missing Passengers
PUBLIC HEALTH/MEDICAL FACILITIES

- Norovirus incidents
- Avian Flu
- Cruise Ships as Assisted Living Facilities
- CDC VSP Manual updates
REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- ADA/Supreme Court
  - US Access Board

- IMO
  - Athens Convention
  - Ballast Water/Marpol Annex VI

- ILO Consolidated Convention

- Congressional Hearings
  - Piracy/Safety
2006 CHALLENGES

- Marpol Annex VI implementation
- ADA – Supreme Court ruling
- ILO – Labor Standards
- Passport requirements
- CDC Quarantine Regulations
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

ICCL POLICY STATEMENT

➢ Cruise Ships Should Be Accessible

➢ ICCL Members Accommodate:
  • Wheelchairs
  • Electric mobility devices
  • Service animals
  • Auxiliary aids
  • Accessible assistance
SUPREME COURT RULING

- Discriminatory Policies/Procedures Barred on Foreign Ships in U.S. Waters When No Interference with “Internal Affairs”.

- Permanent Structural Changes Affecting Basic Design or Construction Implicate “Internal Affairs”.

- Requirements Not “Readily Achievable” if Conflict with International Law.
ISSUES FOR CRUISE INDUSTRY

- What Does “Accessible” Mean on Cruise Ships?
- What Standards Should Apply?
- How to Resolve Conflicts?
Consolidated Maritime Labor Convention

- Conditions of employment;
- Hours of work;
- Accommodation at sea;
- Health protection, medical care, and social protection;
- Compliance and enforcement including Port/State control.
CONCERNS OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

- Definitions of Seafarer
- Port State control over seafarers complaints
- Inclusion of Masters (and Chief Engineers) in work hour limits
- Government v. industry social welfare responsibilities
- Final conference underway to finalize text

Implemented in Europe within next 5 years.
Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative

December 31, 2006
Requires passports for Air/Sea travel to enter U.S.

December 31, 2007
Passports required to enter U.S. via air, sea, and land border crossings

Alternative document for land border
- People Access Security Service (PASS)
CDC Division of Global Migration and Quarantine

- Revise existing regulations to prevent spread of communicable diseases
- Expanded reporting of ill passengers
- Ships & airlines electronically maintain pax & crew lists for 60 days
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