

Dated: January 2, 1997.
Ginger Lew,
Acting Administrator.
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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2914]

New York; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area (Amendment #1)

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated December 31, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damage as a result of this disaster to January 31, 1997.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for loans for economic injury is August 19, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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Bernard Kulik,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.
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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2918]

New York; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area, (Amendment #1)

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated December 31, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Chemung and Delaware Counties in the State of New York as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe thunderstorms, high winds, rain and flooding which occurred November 8-15, 1996.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location: Broome, Chenango, Greene, Sullivan, Tioga, and Ulster Counties in New York, and Bradford and Wayne Counties in Pennsylvania.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is February 7, 1997, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is September 9, 1997.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2920]

Pennsylvania; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on December 23, 1996, I find that Tioga County in the State of Pennsylvania constitutes a disaster area due to damages caused by severe thunderstorms, high winds, rain, and flooding which occurred November 8-15, 1996. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on February 20, 1997, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on September 23, 1997 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd. South, 3rd Fl., Niagara Falls, NY 14303 or other locally announced locations. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Bradford, Lycoming, and Potter Counties in Pennsylvania, and Chemung and Steuben Counties in New York.

Interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.250
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 292006. For economic injury the numbers are 932600 for Pennsylvania and 932700 for New York.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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Bernard Kulik,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.
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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Proposed Change in Magnetic Media Reporting Specifications, for Submitters Who File Wage Reports Using Magnetic Media or Electronic Filing

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that SSA has developed proposed new Magnetic Media Reporting and Electronic Filing Specifications (MMREF-1) for submitters who file wage reports with SSA using Magnetic tape, diskette, cartridge or electronic filing. MMREF-1 will replace existing Technical Information Bulletins (TIB) 4, 5, 6 and 7. The MMREF-1 consists of a single record format to be used to report domestic or territorial reports using magnetic media and electronic filing. A pilot will be conducted for tax year 1998 reporting using selected submitters. Beginning with tax year 1999 and over a several year period, submitters will be required to transition to the MMREF-1 format.

We would like to receive any comments the public may offer on the MMREF-1. An educational seminar on the MMREF-1 is scheduled to be held at the SSA headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland, January 16, 1997, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To receive a draft copy of the MMREF-1 and/or to attend the educational seminar contact the addressee below.

DATES: Comments on the MMREF-1 must be received on or before February 28, 1997.

Reservations for the seminar would be appreciated but are not necessary by January 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: To receive a draft and/or to make a reservation for the seminar, contact Ed Bulson, Social Security Administration, Room 3-B-15 Operations Building, Baltimore, Maryland 21235 or fax at (410) 966-4159.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Harron, Chief, Earnings Records and Reporting Branch, Office of Program Benefits Policy, Social Security Administration, 3-F-26 Operations Building, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, telephone (410) 966-3856, fax (410) 966-9214.

Dated: January 8, 1997.
 Richard Harron,
Tax Forms Coordinator.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2497]

United States—Egypt Science and Technology Joint Board; Public Announcement of a New Science and Technology Program for Competitive Grants to Support International, Collaborative Projects in Science and Technology Between U.S. and Egyptian Cooperators

January 15, 1997.

AGENCY: U.S. Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine Bourgeois, Program Specialist, Office of Cooperative Science Programs, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES/SCP), U.S. Department of State, 202-647-4662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: This program is established under 22 U.S.C. 2656d and the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A solicitation for this program will begin January 15, 1997. This program will provide small grants for successfully competitive proposals for collaborative projects and other activities submitted by United States and Egyptian experts. Projects must help the United States and Egypt utilize science and apply technology by providing opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and techniques, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest and benefit. Proposals considered for funding in Fiscal Year 1997 must be received by March 1, 1997 by the Program Administrators. All proposals will be considered; however, special consideration will be given to proposals that address priority areas defined/approved by the Joint Board. These include priorities in the areas of biotechnology, standards and metrology, environmental technologies, and manufacturing technologies. More information on these priorities and copies of the Program Announcement/

Application may be obtained upon request.

Anne K. Solomon,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Science, Technology, and Health, and Chair, United States—Egypt S&T Joint Board.
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[Public Notice No. 2500]

United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), Standardization Sector (ITAC-T), Study Group A and ITAC-T; Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces that the United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), Telecommunications Standardization Sector (ITAC-T) National Study Group and Study Group A has scheduled the following sessions to develop United States positions and contributions for upcoming ITU-T meetings dealing with standardization activities of the International Telecommunications Union.

The U.S. National group, ITAC-T, will discuss and prepare for the March 3-7, 1997, Telecommunications Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) meeting, while U.S. Study Group A will discuss and prepare positions and contributions for (1) ITU-T Study Group 3's (Tariff and Accounting Principles including related telecommunications economic and policy) meeting now scheduled for May 22-30, 1997 and (2) the ITU-T Study Group 2 meeting scheduled for Geneva, May 20-30, 1997. A more extensive agenda will be developed and distributed by fax or electronic mail to members prior to the announced meeting including the announcements of two ad hoc group meetings, one for numbering and routing and one for accounting rates and call back applications.

ITAC-T Preparations for TSAG

February 6, 1997 at AT&T, 20th & L Streets, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

March 20, 1997 at the Department of State, room 1207, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ITAC-T Study Group A Preparations for ITU SG2 and SG3

March 19, 1997 at the Department of State, room 1207, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

April 30, 1997 at the Department of State, room 1207, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ad Hoc Group for Numbering/Routing Issues (SG2)

March 13, 1997 at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

March 14, 1997 at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April 8, 1997, at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 9, 1997, at Bellcore, 2101 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Members of the General Public may attend the meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. In this regard, entrance to the Department of State is controlled. Questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to Mr. Earl Barbely at 202-647-0197. If you wish to attend please send a fax to 202-647-7407 not later than 5 days before the scheduled meetings. Please include your name, Social Security number and date of birth. One of the following valid photo ID's will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, U.S. passport, U.S. government ID (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the "C" Street Main Lobby.

Dated: December 31, 1996.

Earl S. Barbely,

Chairman, U.S. ITAC for Telecommunication Standardization.

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[Public Notice No. 2503]

Shipping Coordinating Committee International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 1997, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to report on the ninth session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)/United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) jointly sponsored intergovernmental group of experts (JIGE), which met in Geneva from December 2-6, 1996, to consider revisions to the 1952 Arrest Convention. This SHC meeting will also prepare for the 75th session of the IMO Legal Committee, which will be held April