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Dated: June 19, 1997.

Kathleen D. Knox,

Acting Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 11:06 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 1997, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider (1) a personnel matter and (2) matters relating to the Corporation's corporate and supervisory activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), seconded by Ms. Julie Williams, acting in the place and stead of Director Eugene A. Ludwig (Comptroller of the Currency), concurred in by Acting Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550—17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Clearinghouse Advisory Panel; Renewal of Charter

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Clearinghouse Advisory Panel Charter Renewal.

SUMMARY: The National Clearinghouse on Election Administration announces the renewal of the charter for the Clearinghouse Advisory Panel. The purpose of the Panel is to provide advice and consultation to the Clearinghouse with respect to its research programs on election administration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elfi Blum, National Clearinghouse on Election Administration, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20463, Telephone: (202) 219-3670; Toll Free (800) 424-9530.

Dated: June 17, 1997.

Penelope Bonsall,

Director, National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 202-002744-091.

Title: West Coast of South America

Agreement.

Parties:

A.P. Moller-Maersk Line
Compania Chilena de Navigacion
Interoceania, S.A.
Compania Sud Americana de
Vapores, S.A.
Crowley American Transport, Inc.
Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment would permit the parties to reach agreement with non-member lines on the terms and conditions of service contracts to be offered by each of them and to agree with the non-conference members of the West Coast of South

America Discussion Agreement to aggregate the volume of cargo for purposes of service contracts separately published in the Agreement essential terms publication and the essential terms publications of non-member lines.

Agreement No.: 203-011223-017.

Title: Transpacific Stabilization Agreement.

Parties:

American President Lines, Ltd.
Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd.
Hanjin Shipping Co., Ltd.
Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie GmbH
Hyundai Merchant Marine Co., Ltd.
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.
A.P. Moller-Maersk Line
Neptune Orient Lines, Ltd.
Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Orient Overseas Container Line, Inc.
P&O Nedlloyd B.V.
P&O Nedlloyd Limited
Sea-Land Service, Inc.
Yangming Marine Transport Corp.

Synopsis: The proposed modification clarifies and restates in greater detail the Parties' existing revenue policy objectives and related scope of discussion activity currently authorized under the Agreement.

Agreement No.: 203-011426-019.

Title: West Coast of South America Discussion Agreement.

Parties: The parties to the West of South America Agreement:

A.P. Moller-Maersk Line
Compania Chilena de Navigacion
Interoceania, S.A.
Compania Sud Americana de
Vapores, S.A.
Crowley American Transport, Inc.
Sea-Land Service, Inc.
Mediterranean Shipping Company, S.A.
Seaboard Marine Ltd.
Trinity Shipping Line, S.A.
P&O Nedlloyd B.V.
South Pacific Shipping Company, Ltd.
Interocean Lines Inc.
Transsportation Maritima
Grancolombiana, S.A.
NYK-NOS

Synopsis: the proposed amendment would permit the parties to aggregate the volume of cargo for purposes of service contracts separately published in their respective essential terms publications.

Agreement No.: 224-201027.

Title: Port of New Orleans/James F. Flanagan d/b/a/ New Orleans Stevedores Lease Agreement.

Parties: The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans ("Port") James J. Flanagan Shipping Corporation d/b/a/ New Orleans Stevedoring Company ("NOSC").

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement authorizes the Port to lease to NOSC 20 acres, plus various improvements thereon, at the Port's Henry Clay and Napoleon Avenue wharves for a period of one year.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

By order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 97-12]

Pacon Express, Inc., Luis R. Hallon, and Sun Bong, Possible Violations of Sections 10(a)(1) and 19(d)(4) of the Shipping Act of 1984 and 46 CFR 510.23 (g) & (h); Order of Investigation

Pacon Express, Inc. ("Pacon") is a non-vessel-operating common carrier ("NVOCC") with a tariff and bond on file with Commission, ATFI Org. No. 008438. Pacon maintains an office in Carson, CA, and is owned jointly by Luis R. Hallon ("Hallon") and Sun Bong ("BONG"). Hallon was granted a freight forwarder license as a sole proprietor, dba Protocol International Company ("Protocol") (FMC 3680), on January 22, 1993. On February 2, 1994, Protocol's license was revoked for failure to maintain a freight forwarder bond.

Information obtained by the Commission indicates that Protocol collected ocean freight forwarder compensation from vessel-operating common carriers for Pacon NVOCC shipments. In addition, it appears that all the compensation payments were transferred by Protocol to Pacon.

Section 510.23(g)(1) of the Commission's Ocean Freight Forwarder Regulations ("Commission's Regulations"), 46 CFR 510.23(g)(1), provides that an ocean freight forwarder which is related to an NVOCC may not collect compensation unless the freight forwarder certifies to the VOCC that the related NVOCC did not issue a bill of lading or undertake common carrier responsibility for the shipment. Further, § 510.23(g)(2) of the Commission's Regulations, 46 CFR 510.23(g)(2), provides that when a person acts in the capacity of an NVOCC the person may not collect compensation for the shipment. As Pacon and Protocol appear to have been related through common ownership, § 510.23(g) of the Commission's regulations would appear to prohibit the receipt of compensation by Protocol for Pacon shipments.

Section 19(d)(4) of the Shipping Act of 1984 ("1984 Act"), 46 U.S.C. app. 1718(d)(4), provides that no ocean freight forwarder may receive compensation from a common carrier with respect to any shipment in which the forwarder has a direct or indirect beneficial interest. Section 510.23(h) of the Commission's regulations, 46 CFR 510.23(h), provides that an ocean freight forwarder may not collect compensation for any shipment in which the forwarder or any holding company, subsidiary, affiliate, officer, director, agent or executive of the forwarder has a beneficial interest.¹ As Hallon appears to have an ownership interest in Pacon, he would appear to have had a beneficial interest in all Pacon shipments, and section 19(d)(4) of the 1984 Act and § 510.23(h) of the Commission's Regulations would appear to prohibit the receipt of ocean freight compensation by Protocol for Pacon shipments.

Section 10(a)(1) of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1709(a)(1), provides that no person may knowingly and willfully by any unjust or unfair device or means obtain ocean transportation at less than the applicable rates or charges. Compensation is a percentage of the ocean freight charges paid by an ocean common carrier to a licensed ocean freight forwarder to compensate the licensee for services performed for the ocean common carrier. The payment of compensation to Protocol for Pacon shipments would appear to result in Pacon and Hallon and Bong, the owners of Pacon, obtaining ocean transportation at less than the applicable rates through the unjust or unfair device of collecting compensation for the shipments. Therefore, Pacon, Hallon and Bong may have violated section 10(a)(1) of the 1984 Act.

Section 11 of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1710, sets for the Commission's authority to investigate violations of the 1984 Act. Section 14(a) of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1713(a), empowers the Commission to issue orders relating to violations of the 1984 Act.

Now therefore it is ordered, That pursuant to sections 10, 11, 14, and 19 of the 1984 Act and §§ 10.23 (g) and (h) of the Commission's regulations, an investigation is hereby instituted to determine:

1. Whether Hallon, dba Protocol, violated § 510.23(g) of the Commission's regulations by collecting ocean freight

forwarder compensation for shipments on which Pacon acted as an NVOCC,

2. Whether Hallon, dba Protocol, violated section 19(d) of the 1984 Act and § 510.23(h) of the Commission's regulations by collecting ocean freight forwarder compensation for shipments in which Hallon had a beneficial interest;

3. Whether Pacon and its owners, Hallon and Bong, violated section 10(a)(1) of the 1984 Act by obtaining ocean transportation at less than the applicable rates or charges through the device of obtaining ocean freight forwarder compensation for Pacon shipments;

4. Whether, in the event Pacon, Hallon, and/or Bong violated the 1984 Act and/or the Commission's Regulations, civil penalties should be assessed against Pacon, Hallon, and/or Bong and, if so, the amount of such penalties;

5. Whether, in the event violations are found, an appropriate cease and desist order should be issued; and

It is further ordered, That a public hearing be held in this proceeding and that this matter be assigned for hearing before an Administrative Law Judge ("Presiding Officer") of the Commission's Office of Administrative Law Judges in compliance with Rule 61 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 46 CFR 502.61. The Hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination at the discretion of the Presiding Officer only after consideration has been given by the parties and the Presiding Officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution, and upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record.

It is further ordered, That Pacon Express, Inc., Luis R. Hallon, and Sun Bong are designated Respondents in this proceeding;

It is further ordered, That the Commission's Bureau of Enforcement is designated a party to this proceeding;

It is further ordered, That notice of this Order be published in the **Federal Register**, and a copy be served on parties of record;

It is further ordered, That other persons having an interest in participating in this proceeding may file petitions for leave to intervene in accordance with Rule 72 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 46 CFR 502.72;

¹ Beneficial interest is defined by section 510.2(b) of the Commission's Regulations, 46 CFR 510.2(b), as any proprietary or financial right to use, enjoy, benefit, or profit or receive any advantage from a shipment resulting from any expressed or implied agreement.