	Percent
Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere For Economic Injury: Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Else-	7.125
where	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 313908 and for economic injury the number is 9A3100.

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

Dated: October 5, 1998.

#### James Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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#### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9882]

#### State of Washington; Amendment # 1

The above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties in the State of Washington as an economic injury disaster area due to the effects of the warm water ocean current known as El Nino beginning on May 1, 1997.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Lewis, Mason, Thurston, and Wahkiakum in the State of Washington may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is March 5, 1999.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Dated: October 5, 1998.

#### Fred P. Hochberg,

Acting Administrator.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 2904]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) Study Group on Assignment in Receivables Financing; Request for Comment

The Department of State's Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law is seeking private sector comment on a proposed international convention on assignment in receivables financing (the 'Convention'). The Convention is sponsored by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and the initial draft is the result of cooperative efforts between the United States and approximately fifty United Nations Member States.

The purpose of the Convention is to create a uniform international law on assignment in receivables financing transactions in order to facilitate the use of this type of financing arrangement internationally. While receivables financing is quite common in the United States and has defined legal parameters in the form of the Uniform Commercial Code Article 9, it is relatively new and infrequently used in some other countries, especially developing markets. One goal in negotiating the Convention is to help introduce receivables financing to more countries, in the hope that new uniform ways of extending financing and creating security interests may spur investment, increase economic growth and provide companies with additional commercial opportunities.

The Convention would cover assignments of receivables (i.e. contractual and other rights to payment) where the assignor is located in one country and the account debtor is located in another country. It would also cover assignments of receivables where the assignor and the assignee are located in different countries. The assignments addressed would include secured transactions as well as true sales and, accordingly, would impact upon asset based financing, factoring, securitization and project finance.

While the Convention is not scheduled to be finalized until mid-2000, it is important to receive comments from various industry groups now, so that there is an opportunity to address concerns and questions while the Convention is still in the developmental phase. Specifically, comments would be helpful on: (i) whether it would benefit certain industries or common industry transactions to be included or excluded from the Convention, and (ii) assuming an industry is included, what provisions would be helpful in order to best facilitate that industry's transactions.

Requests for a copy of the latest version of the Convention may be sent to Ms. Allison Gray by fax at (202) 776–8482, by phone at (202) 776–8422, or by e-mail to <pildb@his.com>. Comments on the Convention may be directed to Ms. Gray at the above numbers and e-

mail address or by mail to L/PIL, Room 357 South Building, 2430 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037–2800.

### Jeffrey D. Kovar,

Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law. [FR Doc. 98–27510 Filed 10–13–98; 8:45 am]

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Noise Certification Issues

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss noise certification issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 29 at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angela O. Anderson, (202) 267–9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM–200), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss noise certification issues. This meeting will be held October 29, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association. The agenda for this meeting will include a progress report from the FAR/JAR Harmonization Working Group for Subsonic Transport Airplanes.

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present statements to the committee at any time. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contracting the person listed under the heading FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Issused in Washington, DC, on October 7, 1998.

#### Paul Dykeman,

Assistance Executive Director for Noise Certification Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

# Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92–463 that the Executive Committee, Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) will meet October 22–23, 1998, at the Richmond Marriott, 500 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The meeting is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on October 22, 1998, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon on October 23, 1998.

The NAC consists of sixty-two national organizations and advises the Under Secretary for Health and other members of the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office staff on how to coordinate and promote volunteer activities within VA facilities. The **Executive Committee consists of** nineteen representatives from the NAC member organizations and acts as the NAC governing body in the interim period between NAC Annual Meetings. Business topics for the October 22, 1998, morning session include: VAVS program progress since the 1998 NAC Annual Meeting, subcommittee appointments, financial report, and review of the 1998 Annual Meeting

Evaluations. The October 22, 1998, afternoon business session topics include: 53rd Annual Meeting plans, 2000 NAC Annual Meeting planning, process recommendations pending NAC approval at the 2001 Annual Meeting. The October 23, 1998, morning business session topics include: subcommittee reports, Standard Operating Procedure Revisions, New Business, and VHA Update by Dr. Thomas Garthwaite, Acting Under Secretary for Health.

The meeting is open to the public. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to contact: Ms. Laura Balum, Administrative Officer, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–8392.

Dated: October 1, 1998. By Direction of the Secretary.

#### Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Wage Committee, Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Pub. L. 92–463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Wage Committee will be held on: Wednesday, November 4, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 246, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

The Committee's purpose is to advise the Under Secretary for Health on the development and authorization of wage schedules for Federal Wage System (blue-collar) employees.

At these meetings the Committee will consider wage survey specifications, wage survey data, local committee reports and recommendations, statistical analyses, and proposed wage schedules.

All portions of the meetings will be closed to the public because the matters considered are related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs and because the wage survey data considered by the Committee have been obtained from officials of private business establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence. Closure of the meetings is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92–463, as amended by Pub. L. 94–409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (4).

However, members of the public are invited to submit material in writing to the Chairperson for the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, VA Wage Committee (05), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: October 1, 1998. By Direction of the Secretary.

#### Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer. [FR Doc. 98–27466 Filed 10–13–98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8320–01–M