

provide better notice of the restriction and should reduce the likelihood of confusion over which letters are intended to be restricted and which letters are not. Finally, by expressly stating that letters of credit may be denominated in any foreign trading currency is unnecessary in light of other provisions in OCC's rules that specify that letters of credit may be denominated in any currency.

The Commission also finds that the rule change is consistent with OCC's obligations under the Act to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in the clearance and settlement of securities transactions. The ULC was developed by OCC and the other members of the UCG to foster uniformity among the various U.S. securities and futures clearing organizations with respect to letters of credit that are deposited as collateral. This uniformity will help reduce operational burdens for securities and futures industry participants and their letter of credit issuers. It should also enhance the legal certainty that the letters of credit received by OCC and other UCG members as collateral will be enforceable.

III. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular Section 17A of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It Is Therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-OCC-99-01) be and hereby is approved.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Modifications to the Disability Determination Procedures; Disability Claims Process Redesign Prototype; Correction

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.
ACTION: Notice of a prototype involving modifications to the disability determination procedures; Correction.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration (SSA) published a document in the **Federal Register** of

August 30, 1999, announcing a prototype involving a combination of modifications to the disability determination process. The document contained an incorrect address for the Brooklyn branch of the New York Disability Determination Services (DDS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harry Pippin, Social Security Administration, Office of Disability, Disability Process Redesign Staff, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, 410-965-9203.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of August 30, 1999, in FR Doc. 99-22421, on page 47219, in the third column under the caption "Group II", correct the second address listed for the branch DDS for the state of New York to read as follows: State of New York, Division of Disability Determinations, 300 Cadman Plaza West, 13th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201-2701.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

Sue C. Davis,

Director, Disability Process Redesign Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week of August 27, 1999

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

Docket Number: OST-99-6163

Date Filed: August 24, 1999

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

PTC23 AFR-TC3 0079 dated August 27, 1999

Mail Vote 032—TC23/TC123 Africa—TC3

Special Passenger Amending Resolution from Korea to Libya

Intended effective date: September 1, 1999

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q during the Week Ending August 27, 1999

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-99-6166.

Date Filed: August 24, 1999.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: September 21, 1999.

Description: Application of Continental Airlines, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41108 and 41102 and subpart Q, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, authoring Continental to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Newark, New Jersey and Buenos Aires, Argentina, and for an allocation of the seven U.S.-Argentina frequencies which become available September 1, 2000.

Docket Number: OST-99-6172.

Date Filed: August 26, 1999.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: September 23, 1999.

Description: Application of American Airlines pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 and subpart Q, applies for an amendment to its certificate of public convenience and necessity for route 560 (U.S.-Mexico) to engage in foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail on the following route segments: Chicago-Acapulco, Chicago-Monterrey, Chicago-San Jose del Cabo, Dallas/Ft. Worth-Leon, Dallas/Ft. Worth-San Jose del Cabo, Los Angeles-Guadalajara.

Docket Number: OST-99-6173.

Date Filed: August 27, 1999.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: September 24, 1999.

Description: Application of Trans Borinquen Air, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 and subpart Q, applies for

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-(a)(12).

a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Interstate and Foreign Charter air transportation (cargo only) to conduct all cargo operations between United States, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and the Caribbean.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

Maritime Administration

[USCG 1998-3553]

Marine Transportation System: Waterways, Ports, and Their Intermodal Connections

AGENCY: Coast Guard, and Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration announce the availability of the Report to Congress "An Assessment of the Marine Transportation System". A task force comprised of private and public members prepared the Report, which was mandated in the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998. The Report is available for your review and comment.

DATES: Comments must be received by the Docket Management Facility by November 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG 1998-3553), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. The comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401,

located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also electronically access the public docket for this notice on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, or the Marine Transportation System initiative, contact Ms. Margie Hegy, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MW), telephone 202-267-0415 or Mr. John Swank, Maritime Administration (MAR-240), telephone 202-366-5807. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments and related material on the Report. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG-1998-3553), and give the reasons for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ × 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

A copy of the Report is available for review in the docket and may be electronically accessed on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. To request a printed copy of the Report, contact Ms. Joyce Short, telephone 202-267-6164, or Ms. Joann Spittle, telephone 202-366-4357.

Background

On November 13, 1998, the U.S. Congress directed, in Section 308 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998, that "The Secretary of Transportation, through the Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration, shall, in consultation with the National Ocean Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Corps of Engineers, and other interested Federal agencies and departments, establish a task force to assess the adequacy of the Nation's marine

transportation system (including ports, waterways, harbor approach channels, and their intermodal connections) to operate in a safe, efficient, secure, and environmentally sound manner."

The task force was to consider the capability of the MTS, the adequacy of the depth of channels and harbors, and the cost to the Federal government of accommodating projected increases in foreign and domestic traffic over the next 20 years. Evaluations of the Nation's capability to dispose of dredged materials and the future of the navigational aid system were additional components of this effort. This Report summarizes the results of the task force's assessment and constitutes the response to Congress.

The Report reflects a highly collaborative effort among public sector agencies, private sector organizations, and other stakeholders in the MTS. The process began with seven regional listening sessions in spring 1998, hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Maritime Administration, and 12 other Federal agencies. The purpose of these sessions was to learn what users, stakeholders, and the public perceived to be the current state of the MTS and its future needs.

The input received at the regional listening sessions became the basis for a National Conference on the Marine Transportation System hosted by the Secretary of Transportation in November 1998. Executives from industry, labor, and government participated in this conference. Through breakout groups and plenary sessions, the participants addressed two overarching issues—the development of a shared national vision for the MTS and public and private sector coordination of MTS activities. Participants also addressed specific MTS issues concerning safety, competitiveness, infrastructure, security, and the environment.

After the National Conference, the Secretary established the Congressionally mandated MTS Task Force. The Task Force included MTS users and service providers, such as Federal agencies and departments, ports, commercial carriers, shippers, labor, recreational boaters, fishermen, environmental organizations, and other MTS stakeholders.

The Report is available for your review and comment. We request information from the general public and system users on the strategic areas of action recommended and how to accomplish them. Identification of sub-issues and relevant data or other information that will assist us in developing strategies and action plans is