

Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended (the Fulbright-Hays Act) (22 U.S.C. 2451 *et seq.*); sections 1, 2, and 5 of Executive Order 11034, June 24, 1962; section 7(a)(2) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1977; and sections 4 and 5 of Executive Order 12048, March 27, 1978.

(2) *Dissemination of Information Abroad About the United States*

The functions related to the dissemination of information abroad about the United States and related functions including those functions in the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, as amended (the Smith-Mundt Act) (22 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*).

(3) *Exchange Visitor Program*

The functions in sections 101(a)(15)(J) and 212(j) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J) and 1182(j)), and section 641 of Public Law 104-208 (8 U.S.C. 1372(h)(2)(A)) (relating to designation of exchange visitor programs and related functions).

(4) *North-South Center*

The functions in the North South Center Act of 1991 (22 U.S.C. 2075) (relating to the operation of the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between North and South).

(5) *East-West Center*

The functions in the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Act of 1960 (22 U.S.C. 2055) (relating to the operation of the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West).

(6) *Cultural Property*

The functions in Executive Order 12555 of March 10, 1986 delegating functions under the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601). Delegation of Authority 159 is hereby revoked.

(7) *National Endowment for Democracy*

The functions in the National Endowment for Democracy Act (22 U.S.C. 4412) (relating to the grant program with the National Endowment for Democracy).

(8) *Broadcasting Board of Governors*

Representation of the Secretary on the Broadcasting Board of Governors, including the authority to provide foreign policy guidance, pursuant to the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6201 *et seq.*).

(9) *Arts and Artifacts Indemnification*

The functions in the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Act (20 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) (relating to the certification of the national interest for exhibits to provide indemnification).

(10) *Immunity from Judicial Seizure*

The functions in Public Law 89-259 (79 Stat. 985) (22 U.S.C. 2459) (providing for immunity from judicial seizure for cultural objects imported into the U.S. for temporary exhibits).

(11) *Board Memberships*

Representation of the Secretary on:

(A) The Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)).

(B) The Federal Council on the Arts and Humanities (20 U.S.C. 958).

(C) The President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities (Executive Order 12367, June 15, 1982) (one of two members appointed by the Secretary).

(D) United States Panel of the Joint Committee on United States-Japan Cultural and Educational Cooperation / Japan-United States Friendship Commission (22 U.S.C. 2901 *et seq.*) (one of two members appointed by the Secretary).

(12) *Circular 175 Authority*

Authority to negotiate, sign and terminate treaties and other international agreements and to authorize the negotiation, signature and termination of treaties and other international agreements by other United States Government officials.

(13) *Other Functions*

Other functions of the Director of the United States Information Agency or of that Agency and now vested in the Secretary which are not otherwise provided for in this delegation.

(b) To the Under Secretary for Management:

The functions related to recycling fees under section 810 of the Smith-Mundt Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1475e) and under Public Law 105-277, section 2412 (112 Stat. 2681-832).

(c) To the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs:

The functions related to waiver of the foreign residence requirement under the exchange visitor program pursuant to sections 212(e) and 214(l)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(e) and 1184(l)(1)(A)).

Section 2. General Provisions

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this order, the Secretary of State or the Deputy Secretary of State may at any time exercise any function

or authority delegated or reserved by this delegation of authority.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Section 1, the Under Secretary for Management shall exercise those functions related to the general management of the Department that are or were vested in the Director of USIA or the Agency and are now or will be vested in the Secretary.

(c) Functions delegated by this delegation of authority may be redelegated, to the extent consistent with law.

(d) Any reference in this delegation of authority to any act, order, determination, delegation of authority, regulation, or procedure shall be deemed to be a reference to such act, order, determination, delegation of authority, regulation, or procedure as amended from time to time.

(e) This delegation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 1, 1999.

Madeleine K. Albright,

Secretary of State.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**United States-Israel Free Trade Area
Implementation Act; Designation of
Qualifying Industrial Zones**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act ("the "IFTA Act"), products of qualifying industrial zones encompassing portions of Israel and Jordan or Israel and Egypt are eligible to receive duty-free treatment. Effective upon publication of this notice, the United States Trade Representative, pursuant to authority delegated by the President, is designating the Al-Kerak Industrial Estate, the Ad-Dulayl Industrial Park, and the Al-Tajamout Industrial City as qualifying industrial zones under the IFTA Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Lane, Director for the Middle East and Mediterranean, (202) 395-9569, Office of USTR, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to authority granted under section 9 of the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2112 note), the President proclaimed certain tariff

treatment for the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and qualifying industrial zones (Proclamation 6955 of November 13, 1996 (61 FR 58761)). In particular, the President proclaimed modifications to general notes 3 and 8 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States: (a) To provide duty-free treatment to qualifying articles that are the product of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone and are entered in accordance with the provisions of section 9 of the IFTA Act; (b) to provide that articles of Israel may be treated as though they were articles directly shipped from Israel for the purposes of the United States—Israel Free Trade Area Agreement (“the Agreement”) even if shipped to the United States from the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or a qualifying industrial zone, if the articles otherwise meet the requirements of the Agreement; and (c) to provide that the cost or value of materials produced in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or a qualifying industrial zone may be included in the cost or value of materials produced in Israel under section 1(c)(i) of Annex 3 of the Agreement, and that the direct costs of processing operations performed in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or a qualifying industrial zone may be included in the direct costs of processing operations performed in Israel under section 1(c)(ii) of Annex 3 of the Agreement.

Section 9(e) of the IFTA Act defines a “qualifying industrial zone” as an area that “(1) encompasses portions of the territory of Israel and Jordan or Israel and Egypt; (2) has been designated by local authorities as an enclave where merchandise may enter without payment of duty or exercise taxes; and (3) has been specified by the President as a qualifying industrial zone.” In Proclamation 6955, the President delegated to the United States Trade Representative the authority to designate qualifying industrial zones.

On March 13, 1998 (63 FR 12572), I designated the Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone as a qualifying industrial zone under section 9 of the IFTA Act. Additionally, on March 19, 1999 (64 FR 13623), I designated the Gateway Projects Industrial Zone and the expanded Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone as qualifying industrial zones under section 9 of the IFTA Act.

In an agreement dated September 16, 1999, the Government of Israel and the Government of Jordan agreed to the creation of three additional qualifying industrial zones: the Al-Kerak Industrial Estate, the Ad-Dulayl Industrial Park, and the Al-Tajamouat Industrial City. These zones encompass areas under the

customs control of the respective Governments. The Government of Israel and the Government of Jordan further agreed that merchandise may enter these areas without payment of duty or excise taxes. Accordingly, the Al-Kerak Industrial Estate, the Ad-Dulayl Industrial Park, and the Al-Tajamouat Industrial City meet the criteria under paragraphs 9(e)(1) and (2) of the IFTA Act.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the President in Proclamation 6955, I hereby designate the Al-Kerak Industrial Estate, the Ad-Dulayl Industrial Park, and the Al-Tajamouat Industrial City as qualifying industrial zones under section 9 of the IFTA Act, effective upon the date of publication of this notice, applicable to goods shipped from these qualifying industrial zones after such date.

Dated: October 8, 1999.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular 25.491-1, Taxi, Takeoff and Landing Roll Design Loads

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25.491-1, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed advisory circular (AC) which sets forth acceptable methods of compliance with 14 CFR 25.491 concerning taxi, takeoff and landing roll design loads. This notice is necessary to give all interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the proposed AC.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: James D. Haynes, Airframe and Cabin Safety Branch, ANM-115, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at the above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jan Thor, Standards Staff, at the address above, telephone (425) 227-2127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Commenters should identify AC 25.491-1 and submit comments, in duplicate, to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Transport Standards Staff before issuing the final AC. The proposed AC can be found and downloaded from the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/airhome.htm>, at the link titled “Draft AC’s.” A paper copy of the proposed AC may be obtained by contacting the person named above under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**.

Discussion

This proposed AC sets forth acceptable methods of compliance with the provisions of 14 CFR § 25.491 dealing with the certification requirements for taxi, takeoff and landing roll design loads. Guidance information is provided for showing compliance with that regulation relating to structural design for airplane operation on paved runways and taxiways normally used in commercial operation. Other methods of compliance with the requirements may be acceptable.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on October 7, 1999.

Donald L. Rigg,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, ANM-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 386X)]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Barnes County, ND

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon its line of railroad between BNSF milepost 69.05 and BNSF milepost 61.19, near Valley City, in Barnes County, ND, a total distance of 7.86 miles (line). The line