

Dated: December 17, 2009.

Maura M. Pally,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6854]

Certification Concerning the Bolivian Military and Police Under the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Division H, Pub. L. 111-8)

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of State, including under the heading "International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement" of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Division H, Pub. L. 111-8), I hereby certify that the Bolivian military and police are respecting internationally recognized human rights and cooperating fully with investigations and prosecutions by civilian judicial authorities of military and police personnel who have been credibly alleged to have violated such rights.

This Determination shall be transmitted to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 16, 2009.

Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6843]

Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Advisory Committee charter.

Renewal of Advisory Committee: The Secretary of State announces the renewal of the charter of the Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services in fulfillment of the provisions of the 2006 Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Pub. L. 109-435) and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the renewed charter is available at the following link: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/133108.pdf>.

Purpose: The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to serve the Department of

State in an advisory capacity with respect to the formulation, coordination, and oversight of foreign policy related to international postal services and other international delivery services. The Committee provides a forum for government employees, representatives of the industry sector and members of the public to present their advice and views directly to the Department of State.

For further information, please contact Dennis Delehanty, Office of Global Systems (IO/GS), Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State, at (202) 647-4197.

Dated: December 10, 2009.

Dennis M. Delehanty,

Foreign Affairs Officer, Department of State.

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[Public Notice 6855]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed San Diego-Tijuana Airport Cross Border Facility

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On October 2, 2009, the Department of State published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 50997) a Notice of Receipt of Application for a Presidential Permit for an International Pedestrian Bridge on the U.S.-Mexico Border near San Diego, California and Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. This notice requested comment on Otay-Tijuana Venture, L.L.C.'s application for a Presidential permit to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new international pedestrian bridge called the San Diego-Tijuana Airport Cross Border Facility (CBF) on the U.S.-Mexico border near San Diego, California and Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. The Department now gives notice of the availability of, and requests comment on, the draft environmental assessment (EA) that the project sponsor prepared under the Department's guidance.

The Department's jurisdiction over this application is based upon Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended. As provided in E.O. 11423, the Department is circulating this application and the draft environmental assessment to relevant Federal and State agencies for review and comment. Under E.O. 11423, the Department has the responsibility to determine, taking into account input from these agencies

and other stakeholders, whether issuance of a Presidential permit for this proposed bridge would be in the U.S. national interest.

DATES: Interested members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding this draft environmental assessment on or before February 12, 2010 to Elizabeth Orlando (NEPA Program Manager) and Rob Allison (Office of Mexican Affairs), via e-mails to orlandoea2@state.gov and WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov or by mail to WHA/MEX—Room 3909, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Orlando (NEPA Program Manager) and/or Rob Allison (Office of Mexican Affairs), via e-mails to orlandoea2@state.gov and WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov; by phone at 202-647-9894; or by mail at WHA/MEX—Room 3909, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. General information about Presidential Permits is available on the Internet at <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The application and draft environmental assessment (EA) are available for review in the Office of Mexican Affairs during normal business hours. The draft EA is also available at the City of San Diego Otay-Nestor Branch Library located at 3003 Coronado Ave, San Diego, California 92154-1521.

In accordance with Section 102(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4332(C)) and implementing regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) and the Department of State (22 CFR part 161), including in particular 22 CFR 161.7(c)(1), a draft EA was prepared by Otay-Tijuana Venture, L.L.C. on behalf of the Department of State to determine if there are any potential significant impacts from, and to address alternatives to, the proposed action.

The draft EA addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the United States portion of the Cross Border Facility (CBF). According to the application and draft EA, the CBF would enable ticketed airline passengers to travel between Mexico's Tijuana International Airport (TIJ) and San Diego, California, via an enclosed, elevated pedestrian bridge. The CBF will consist of: a main building on the U.S. side of the border housing U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) inspection facilities along with shops and services to accommodate travelers; an approximately 525-foot pedestrian bridge from the main building on the

U.S. side connecting into TIJ's passenger terminal on the Mexican side; and parking facilities and areas for car rentals and potentially bus service on the U.S. side. According to the application, the CBF would allow passengers to bypass San Diego's congestion-prone ports of entry and avoid driving through the City of Tijuana.

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Alex Lee,

*Director, Office of Mexican Affairs,
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6845]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the fifty-third Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment (DE) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, from February 22 to February 26, 2010.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda.
- Decisions of other IMO bodies.
- Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats.
- Compatibility of life-saving appliances.
- Revision of resolution A.760(18).
- Performance standards for recovery systems.
- Cargo oil tank coating and corrosion protection.
- Development of a new framework of requirements for life-saving appliances.
- Guidance to ensure consistent policy for determining the need for watertight doors to remain open during navigation.
- Protection against noise on board ships.
- Thermal performance of immersion suits.
- Alternative arrangements for the bottom inspection requirements for passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships.
- Amendments to the Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances.

- Safety provisions applicable to tenders operating from passenger ships.
- Classification of offshore industry vessels and consideration of the need for a code for offshore construction support vessels.
- Interpretation on application of SOLAS, MARPOL and Load Line requirements for major conversions of oil tankers.
- Consideration of IACS unified interpretations.
- Development of a mandatory Code for ships operating in polar waters.
- Application of amendments to SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code.
- Guidelines for a visible element to general alarm systems on passenger ships.
- Improvement of existing pollution prevention equipment.
- Development of guidelines for a shipboard oil waste pollution prevention plan.
- Manually operated alternatives in the event of prevention pollution equipment malfunctions.
- Work programme and agenda for DE 54.
- Any other business.
- Report to the Maritime Safety Committee.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. Wayne Lundy, by e-mail at Wayne.M.Lundy@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1379, by fax at (202) 372-1925, or in writing at Commandant (CG-5213), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593-7126 not later than 72 hours before the meeting. A member of the public requesting reasonable accommodation should make such request prior to January 14th, 2010. Requests made after that time might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: <http://www.uscg.mil/imo>.

Dated: December 22, 2009.

Jon Trent Warner,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Procurement Thresholds for Implementation of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Determination of procurement thresholds under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement, the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, and the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9476 or Jean_Grier@ustr.eop.gov.

SUMMARY: Executive Order 12260 requires the United States Trade Representative to set the U.S. dollar thresholds for application of Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2511 *et seq.*), which implements U.S. trade agreement obligations, including those under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Government Procurement, Chapter 15 of the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Australia FTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Bahrain FTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Chile FTA), Chapter 9 of the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States (DR-CAFTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Morocco FTA), Chapter 10 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement (U.S.-Oman FTA), Chapter 9 of the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (U.S.-Peru TPA), and Chapter 13 of the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement