

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10638]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time: Art, Culture, and Exchange across Medieval Saharan Africa” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition “Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time: Art, Culture, and Exchange across Medieval Saharan Africa,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, from on or about January 25, 2019, until on or about July 21, 2019, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot Chiu, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000, and Delegation of Authority No. 236-21 of December 14, 2018.

Jennifer Z. Galt,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10639]

Notice of Public Meeting

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, February 12, 2019, in room 6I10-01-A of the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the sixth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Subcommittee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 6) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, on February 18-22, 2019.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda.
- Decisions of other IMO bodies.
- Safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments to the IBC Code.
- Revised guidance on ballast water sampling and analysis.
- Revised guidance on methodologies that may be used for enumerating viable organisms.
- Amendment of annex 1 to the AFS Convention to include controls on cybutryne, and consequential revision of relevant guidelines.
- Consideration of the impact on the Arctic of emissions of Black Carbon from international shipping.
- Consistent implementation of regulation 14.1.3 of MARPOL Annex VI.
- Amendments to regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI to require a dedicated sampling point for fuel oil.
- Standards for shipboard gasification of waste systems and associated amendments to regulation 16 of MARPOL Annex VI.
- Review of the 2015 Guidelines for Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems (resolution MEPC.259(68)).
- Development of measures to reduce risks of use and carriage of heavy fuel oil as fuel by ships in Arctic waters.
- Review of the IBTS Guidelines and amendments to the IOPP Certificate and Oil Record Book.
- Amendments to the 2012 Guidelines on implementation of effluent standards and performance tests for sewage treatment plants (resolution MEPC.227(64)) to address inconsistencies in their application.
- Guide on practical methods for the implementation of the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS Protocol.

- Unified interpretation to provisions of IMO environment-related conventions.
- Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for PPR 7.
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020.
- Any other business.
- Report to the Marine Environment Protection Committee.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Upon request to the meeting coordinator, members of the public may also participate via teleconference, up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line. To access the teleconference line, participants should call (202) 475-4000 and use Participant Code: 887 809 72. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Ms. Melissa Perera, by email at Melissa.E.Perera@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1446, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington DC 20593-7509, not later than February 5, 2019, five business days prior to the meeting. Requests made after February 5, 2019 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 Coast Guard Headquarters building. The building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon request).

Joel C. Coito,

Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36247]

Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption With Interchange Commitment—CSX Transportation, Inc.

Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad, LLC (FGA), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), and to operate, approximately 373 miles of rail line pursuant to a purchase and sale agreement and a freight operating agreement with CSXT. The rail lines to be acquired and operated by FGS consists of the following: (1) The Tallahassee Subdivision between

Baldwin, Fla., at or near CSXT milepost SP 653.3, and Chattahoochee, Fla., at or near CSXT milepost SP 842.5; (2) the P&A Subdivision between Chattahoochee, at or near CSXT milepost 00K810.7, and Pensacola, Fla., at or near CSXT milepost 00K651.0; and (3) portions of the Bainbridge Subdivision between Tallahassee, Fla., at or near CSXT milepost SLC 52.0, and Attapulugus, Ga., at or near CSXT milepost SLC 79.0 (collectively, the "Lines").

As part of this transaction, CSXT will retain limited overhead trackage rights only for the movement of certain CSXT freight traffic, in CSXT's trains, locomotives, cars, and equipment with CSXT's own crews over the following segments of the Lines: (1) The Tallahassee Subdivision between the connection with CSXT at Baldwin, at or near CSXT milepost SP 653.3 and Chattahoochee, at or near CSXT milepost SP 842.5; and (2) the P&A Subdivision between Chattahoochee, at or near CSXT milepost 00K810.7, and the connection with CSXT at Pensacola, at or near CSXT milepost 00K 651.0. In addition, FGA will acquire trackage rights to operate its trains, locomotives, cars and equipment with its own crews, solely for the purposes of conducting interchange with CSXT, on the following segments of CSXT rail lines: (1) CSXT milepost 00K651.0 to milepost 00K 649.0, near Pensacola; and (2) CSXT milepost SP 653.3 to milepost S 653.0, near Baldwin.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) in *RailUSA, LLC & American Rail Partners, LLC—Continuance in Control Exemption—Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad, LLC*, Docket No. FD 36248, in which RailUSA, LLC, and American Rail Partners, LLC, the direct owner and indirect owner of FGA, respectively, seek Board approval to continue in control of FGA upon FGA's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

As required under 49 CFR 1150.33(h)(1), FGA has disclosed in its verified notice that the freight operating agreement between FGA and CSXT¹ contains an interchange commitment that affects the interchange with carriers other than CSXT at the interchange points of Chattahoochee and Cottondale, Fla. In addition, FGA has provided the additional information regarding the

interchange commitment required by section 1150.33(h)(1).

FGA certifies that its projected annual revenues do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier. FGA notes, however, that its annual operating revenues will exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, in compliance with 49 CFR 1150.32(e), FGA certified on November 6, 2018, that, on that day, the required 60-day notice of this transaction was posted at the workplaces of CSXT employees on the Lines and served on the national offices of those employees' unions.

The earliest this transaction may be consummated is January 6, 2019, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than December 28, 2018 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36247, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Peter W. Denton, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

According to FGA, this action is excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(1).

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at www.stb.gov.

Decided: December 14, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2019-1)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the first quarter 2019 Rail Cost Adjustment Factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads.

The first quarter 2019 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.058. The first quarter 2019 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.448. The first quarter 2019 RCAF-5 is 0.419.

DATES: *Applicability Date:* January 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245-0333. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our website at www.stb.gov. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at (800) 877-8339.

This action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

By the Board, Board Members Begeman and Miller.

Decided: December 17, 2018.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36248]

RailUSA, LLC and American Rail Partners, LLC—Continuance in Control Exemption—Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad, LLC

RailUSA, LLC (RailUSA) and American Rail Partners, LLC (ARP), each a noncarrier, have filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad, LLC (FGA), upon FGA's becoming a Class III rail carrier. FGA is a newly formed noncarrier entity that is wholly owned by RailUSA. RailUSA, in turn, is wholly owned by ARP. Thus, RailUSA directly controls FGA, and ARP indirectly controls FGA.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad—Acquisition & Operation Exemption With Interchange Commitment—CSX Transportation, Inc.*, Docket No. FD 36247. In that proceeding, FGA seeks an exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate approximately 373 miles of rail line in Florida and Georgia currently owned and operated by CSX Transportation, Inc., consisting of the

¹ FGA filed a confidential version of the freight operating agreement with its notice of exemption to be kept confidential by the Board under 49 CFR 1104.14(a) without need for the filing of an accompanying motion for protective order under 49 CFR 1104.14(b).