

implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 29, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 30, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996.

Effective on July 30, 1996, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
333/334	239,658 dozen.
335	166,204 dozen.
336	624,274 dozen.
340/640	884,631 dozen.
347/348	1,729,785 dozen.
359-C/659-C ²	822,203 kilograms.
433	3,275 dozen.
447	8,343 dozen.
634	386,530 dozen.
635	333,535 dozen.
638/639	1,767,107 dozen.
647/648	1,131,411 dozen.
650	102,839 dozen.
659-H ³	1,194,366 kilograms.
Group II	
200-229, 300-326, 330, 332, 349, 353, 354, 359-O ⁴ , 360, 362, 363, 369-O ⁵ , 400-414, 432, 434-442, 444, 448, 459, 464-469, 600- 607, 613-629, 630, 632, 644, 653, 654, 659-O ⁶ , 665, 666, 669-O ⁷ , 670-O ⁸ , 831-846 and 850-859, as a group.	146,636,081 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

²Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

³Category 659-H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

⁴Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010 (Category 359-C).

⁵Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S).

⁶Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010 (Category 659-C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H).

⁷Category 669-O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000 (Category 669-P).

⁸Category 670-O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3030 and 4202.92.9025 (Category 670-L).

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Rule on Application (#96-03-C-00-PDX) to Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Portland International Airport, Submitted by the Port of Portland, Portland, OR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use PFC

revenue at Portland International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: J. Wade Bryant, Manager; Seattle Airports District Office, SEA-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Suite 250; Renton, WA 98055-4056.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Susan Haynes, at the following address: Port of Portland, 7000 N.E. Airport Way, Portland, OR 97218.

Air Carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to Portland International Airport, under § 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Vargas, (206) 227-2660; Seattle Airports District Office, SEA-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Suite 250; Renton, WA 98055-4056. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application (#96-03-C-00-PDX) to impose and use PFC revenue at Portland International Airport, under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On July 26, 1996, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon, was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than October 25, 1996.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PCF: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: November 1, 1996.

Proposed charge expiration date: August 31, 1999.

Total requested for use approval: \$59,272,000.00.

Brief description of proposed project: Terminal Roadway Program; Runway 10R/28L (South) Rehabilitation including Associated Taxiways and Support Equipment; Federal Inspection Station (FIS) Expansion; Terminal Expansion South.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be

required to collect PFC's: The carriage in air commerce of persons for compensation or hire as a commercial operator, but not an air carrier, of aircraft having a maximum seating capacity of less than twenty passengers or a maximum payload capacity of less than twenty passengers or a maximum payload capacity of less than 6,000 pounds. "Air Taxi/Commercial Operator" shall also include, without regard to number of passengers or payload capacity, revenue passengers transported for student instruction, nonstop sightseeing flights that begin and end at the same airport and are conducted within a 25 statute mile radius of the Airport, ferry or training flights, aerial photography or survey charters, and fire fighting charters.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA Regional Airports Office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, ANM-600, 1601 Lind Avenue S.W., Suite 540, Renton, WA 98055-4056.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Portland International Airport.

Issued in Renton, Washington on July 26, 1996.

David A. Field,
Manager, Planning, Programming and
Capacity Branch—Northwest Mountain
Region.

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Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Stearns County, Minnesota

AGENCY: Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for the proposed reconstruction of Trunk Highway 23 (TH 23) in Stearns County, Minnesota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Martin, Federal Highway Administration, Suite 490 Metro Square Building, 121 East Seventh Place, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101, Telephone (612) 290-3240; or Tony Hughes, Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation—District 3, P.O. Box

370, 3725 12th Street North, St. Cloud, MN 56303, Telephone (612) 255-2909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, will prepare an EIS on a proposal to improve TH 23 in Stearns County, Minnesota. The EIS will consider alternatives and impacts of reconstructing existing TH 23 between Richmond and I-94 for a distance of approximately 21 kilometers (13 miles). Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for existing and projected traffic demands. The alternatives to be studied in the Draft EIS as identified in the "Draft Scoping Decision Document" include:

- No Build.
- Utilize the existing TH 23 Corridor from the west end of Richmond, utilize an unused railroad corridor between County Road 163 in Richmond and County Road 158 near Cold Spring, utilize the existing TH 23 Corridor to the connection near I-94.
- Same as previously described alternative except this alternative includes the construction of a four-lane rural expressway on new alignment south and east of the City of Rockville. This segment of expressway would connect to existing TH 23 midway between Rockville and Cold Spring on the west and approximately midway between Rockville and I-94 on the east.
- Same as previously described alternative except the four-lane expressway on new alignment is shifted further south and east of the City of Rockville.

The "TH 23 Scoping Document and Draft Scoping Decision Document" was published July 12, 1996. Copies of the document are being distributed to agencies, interested persons, elected and appointed officials and libraries for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses to be contained in the EIS. The comment period for the "TH 23 Scoping Document and Draft Scoping Decision Document" extends through August 14, 1996. To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed action, a public scoping meeting will be held on August 8, 1996 to receive comments. A press release was published to inform citizens of the documents' availability.

Coordination has been initiated and will continue with appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this project. A series of public meetings will be held. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the meetings.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistant Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: July 25, 1996.

Alan J. Friesen,
Engineering and Operations Engineer, Federal
Highway Administration.

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Surface Transportation Board ¹

[STB Finance Docket No. 32951]

Cen-Tex Rail Link, Ltd.—Merger Exemption—South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd.

Cen-Tex Rail Link, Ltd. (Cen-Tex) has filed a notice of exemption to merge with South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd. (SORC). Cen-Tex and SORC are commonly controlled Class III rail carriers that own and operate rail property in Texas.² Under the Agreement and Plan of Merger, SORC will be merged with and into Cen-Tex, which will be the successor partnership. The name of the surviving partnership would be changed from Cen-Tex Rail Link, Ltd. to South Orient Railroad Company Ltd.³ The transaction was to be consummated on or after July 18, 1996.

Because the parties are members of the same corporate family, and the merger will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers operating outside the corporate family, the transaction qualifies for the class

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11323.

² See Joel T. Williams, III, Roy C. Coffee, Jr., Rafael Fernandez-MacGregor, and Bristol Investment Co., Inc.—Cen-Tex Rail Link, Ltd. and South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd., Finance Docket No. 32478 (ICC served Aug. 16, 1994).

³ Counsel has confirmed that Cen-Tex Rail Link, Ltd. has changed its name to South Orient Railroad Company, Ltd.