

regional and local governments or the private sector. At its 12th Plenary meeting in September 1996, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) approved additional guidance with respect to the methodologies to inventory greenhouse gas emissions. We anticipate that these revised methodologies will be approved at the next session of the UNFCCC's Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) when it meets in December 1996. We intend to follow both sets of guidelines, to the extent possible, in the preparation of the second USCAR.

#### Public Input Process

The comments received in response to this Federal Register notice will be considered in the preparation of the second national communication. We invite contributions and comments on all aspects of the USCAR and in particular, on issues related to regional, local, and private sector actions to address climate change.

**DATES:** Written comments on the first USCAR should be received on or before noon, January 2, 1997. The deadline cannot be extended because of a carefully planned timetable for the report's preparation in anticipation of the April 15, 1997 due date.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to: Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder, OES/EGC Room 4330, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818. Copies of the First National Communication may be obtained from the Internet (text only) at the following address: ([ftp://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov/gpo\\_bbs/dos\\_env/lclimate.txt](ftp://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov/gpo_bbs/dos_env/lclimate.txt)), or by contacting the Government Printing Office (ISBN 0-16-045214-7).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Daniel A. Reifsnyder, Director, Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State at (202) 647-4069.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

Rafe Pomerance,  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Development, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.*

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#### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

#### Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Notice of Out-of-Cycle Country Eligibility Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

#### **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the deadline for the submission of petitions for an out-of-cycle GSP Review of country eligibility. The deadline is Friday, February 28, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. Telephone: (202) 395-6971.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Announcement of 1997 Out-of-Cycle GSP Country Eligibility Review

The U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program provides for the duty free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. GSP is authorized by Title V of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*). The GSP program was implemented by Executive Order 11888 of November 14, 1975, and modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations. The GSP regulations provide for annual reviews unless otherwise specified by Federal Register notice (15 CFR 2007.3 *et seq.*). The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) hereby gives notice that an out-of-cycle country eligibility review will be conducted in 1997. No annual country eligibility review was initiated at the normal time in 1996 since the GSP program was suspended. Moreover, public interest has been expressed in support of delinking the time table for the annual product reviews and country eligibility reviews. No decision has been made to permanently alter the schedule. However, the TPSC has decided to provide for an out-of-cycle country eligibility review at this time. Notice is hereby given, therefore, that in order to be considered in the 1997 out-of-cycle country eligibility review, all petitions containing requests to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country must be received by the GSP Subcommittee no later than 5 p.m., Friday February 28, 1997. Petitions submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review and will be returned to the petitioner.

Interested parties or foreign governments may submit petitions to have the GSP status of any eligible beneficiary developing country reviewed with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) or 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)). Petitions should be addressed to the GSP Subcommittee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative,

600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. All such submissions must conform with the GSP regulations which are set forth at 15 CFR 2007. These regulations were published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, February 11, 1986 (51 FR 5035). The regulations are also printed in "A guide to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)", (August 1991) ("GSP Guide"). Information submitted will be subject to public inspection by appointment only with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room, except for the information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.7. An original and fourteen (14) copies of each petition must be submitted in English. If the petition contains business confidential information and a party is requesting an exemption from public inspection for this information, each page containing such information should be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page, and an original and fourteen (copies) of this business confidential version of the petition must be submitted together with a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. The version that does not contain business confidential information (the public version) should be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page (either "public version" or "nonconfidential"). This version and the nonconfidential summary shall be placed in the file that is open to public inspection.

Petitioners are strongly advised to review the GSP regulations. Petitioners are reminded that submissions that do not provide all information required by the GSP regulations will not be accepted for review except upon a detailed showing in the submission that the petitioner made a good faith effort to obtain the information required. These requirements will be strictly enforced.

Frederick L. Montgomery,

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Aviation Proceedings; Agreements Filed During the Week Ending 12/6/96

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-96-1996.

*Date filed:* December 2, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* PTC23 EUR-JK 0005 dated November 15, 1996 r1-47 Europe-Japan/Korea resos Correction—PTC23 EUR-JK 0006 dated November 26, 1996, Minutes—PTC23 EUR-JK 0007 dated November 26, 1996, Tables—PTC23 EUR-J/K Fares dated November 22, 1996 Intended effective date: April 1, 1997.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2000.

*Date filed:* December 4, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* TC12 Telex Mail Vote 841, Fuel-related fare increase between U.S. and Austria, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Scandinavia and Switzerland (not applicable to Alliance Airlines) Intended effective date: December 15, 1996.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2002.

*Date filed:* December 6, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* PTC COMP Telex Mail vote 844, Netherlands Security & Passenger Service charges Intended effective date: January 1, 1997.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2003.

*Date filed:* December 6, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* PTC1 Telex Mail Vote 843 Excursion Fares within South America Intended effective date: January 1, 1997. Myrna F. Adams,

*Acting Chief, Documentary Services.*

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#### **Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending December 6, 1996**

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-96-2001.

*Date filed:* December 4, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* January 1, 1997.

*Description:* Application of Swissair, Swiss Air Transport Company, Ltd., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41301 and 41302, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for an amendment to its foreign air carrier permit to authorize Swissair to provide (a) scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail "from points behind Switzerland via Switzerland and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond," as provided in Annex I of the Open Skies Agreement, together with all of the operational rights provided for in that Annex and (b) charter service in foreign air transportation for passengers (and their accompanying baggage) and/or cargo to the full extent permitted by Annex II of the Open Skies Agreement.

Myrna F. Adams,

*Acting Chief, Documentary Services.*

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#### **Coast Guard**

[CGD 96-065]

#### **Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Request for Applications**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is seeking applicants for appointment to membership on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC). The Committee is a 19-member Federal Advisory committee that advises the Coast Guard on matters related to the training, qualification, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine.

**DATES:** Membership applications should be received no later than February 19, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons interested in applying for membership on MERPAC may obtain an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-1), room 1210, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or by calling (202) 267-0229 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Requests may also be submitted by facsimile at (202) 267-4570.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CDR Greg T. Jones, Executive Director, or Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant Executive Director, MERPAC, room 1210, U.S.

Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001, (202) 267-0229.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MERPAC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) to advise the Coast Guard on merchant marine personnel issues. Six current appointments will expire in 1996.

Applicants with one or more of the following backgrounds are needed to fill the positions:

- (a) Shipping company representative.
- (b) Deck Officer.
- (c) Public representative.
- (d) Two marine educator representatives.

(e) Engineering officer (preferably with a limited horsepower endorsement).

The membership term is 3 years. No member may hold more than two consecutive 3-year terms.

The Coast Guard is seeking greater representation from the inland and rivers maritime communities, particularly in the position of Engineering Officer (limited Chief Engineer or Designated Duty Engineer). Although the Coast Guard was seeking increased representation from these same communities during the last selection process, it was not totally successful in filling the positions.

To achieve the desired balance of membership, the Coast Guard is especially interested in receiving applications from minorities and women. The members of the Committee serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem may be provided. The Committee normally meets twice a year, once in Washington, D.C., and once elsewhere in the country. Working group meetings may be authorized for specific problems as required.

Applicants may be required to complete an Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (SF 450).

Dated: December 9, 1996.

Joseph J. Angelo,

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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#### **Federal Railroad Administration**

##### **Petition for a Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received from Trinity Industries,