

For Economic Injury:

Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere—4.000%

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 312306. For economic injury the numbers are 997600 for Wisconsin and 997700 for Illinois.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: August 21, 1998.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Exemption of Israeli Products From Certain Customs User Fees; Addition of Israel to the List of Eligible Countries Under the Rural Electrification Act

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In return for reciprocal concessions, the United States Trade Representative is exempting products of Israel from certain Customs user fees, effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of publication of this notice. In addition, the United States Trade Representative is adding Israel to the list of eligible countries under Section 401 of the Rural Electrification Act, as amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madelyn Spirnak, Director for the Middle East and Mediterranean, (202) 395-3320, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 112 of the Customs and Trade Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-382, the U.S. Trade Representative upon determining that the Government of Israel has provided reciprocal concessions, may exempt products of Israel from the fees imposed under 13031(a) (9) and (10) of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended (19 U.S.C. 58c(a)(9) and (10)). The U.S. Trade Representative has determined that the Government of Israel has provided reciprocal concessions, which include the following:

The Government of Israel published on July 21, 1998 a notice in its official

gazette *Rashumot* eliminating metric packaging requirements and adopting unit pricing procedures for domestic retail sales, thereby eliminating a significant non-tariff barrier on the import of U.S. goods.

The government of Israel increased the tariff rate quota for U.S. in-shell almonds from 180 to 380 metric tons per annum, and has agreed to reduce substantially the in-quota import fee on U.S. shelled and in-shell almonds.

The Government of Israel has taken or is taking a number of steps to facilitate the importation of U.S.-manufactured automobiles. Those steps include the following: since January 1996, automobile registration fees have been imposed according to the price of the automobile, rather than the volume of the engine; as of April 1996, the basis of valuation for income tax purposes was changed from engine size to automobile value; the limitation on maximum engine size was deleted from government procurement tenders; differentiation of purchase tax rates according to automobile engine size was eliminated; and Israel is in the process of reviewing the system of compulsory insurance fees, with a view toward decreasing differentials based on engine size.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 112 of the Customs and Trade Act of 1990 and 19 U.S.C. 58c(b)(11), any product of Israel that is entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of publication of this notice will not be charged the fees imposed under 19 U.S.C. 58c(a) (9) and (10).

The United States Trade Representative has also determined that, for purposes of Section 401 of the Rural Electrification Act, as amended by Section 342(g) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, Pub. L. 103-465 (7 U.S.C. 903 note), the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area Agreement ensures reciprocal access for United States products and services and United States suppliers to the markets of Israel in the area of telecommunications products and services. Accordingly, under Section 401 of the Rural Electrification Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 903 note), Israel is hereby added to the list of eligible countries for purchases made by borrowers of funds lent for telecommunications products and services, effective September 1, 1998.

Richard W. Fisher,

Acting United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-4365]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and its Subcommittee on Prevention Through People (PTP) and Proper Cargo Names (PCN) will meet to discuss various issues relating to the marine transportation of hazardous materials in bulk. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: CTAC will meet on Friday, September 25, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Subcommittees will meet on Thursday, September 24, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 18, 1998. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: CTAC will meet in room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC. The Subcommittee on PTP will meet in room 6303 and the Subcommittee on PCN will meet in room 5303 at the same address. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Robert F. Corbin, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Commander Robert F. Corbin, Executive Director of CTAC, or Ms. Sara S. Ju, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-1217, fax 202-267-4570. For questions on viewing, or submitting material to the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agendas of Meetings

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). The agenda includes the following:

(1) Introduction and swearing-in of the new Executive Director and new members.

(2) Progress report from the Subcommittee on PTP.

(3) Progress report from the Subcommittee on PCN.

(4) Status report on the International Safety Management (ISM) Code enforcement.

(5) Status report on the Hazardous Substance Response Plan (HSRP) rulemaking project.

(6) Status report on the 46 CFR 151 rulemaking project.

(7) Status report on the Chemical Hazards Response Information System (CHRIS) revision.

(8) Presentation on the American Waterways Operators (AWO) Responsible Carrier Program.

(9) Presentation on the alternative compliance program, an American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) prospective.

Subcommittee on PTP. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Review of work to date, program intent, and definitions of issues such as fatigue and fitness for duty.

(2) Review of long term tasks assignments and preparation for presentation to CTAC.

Subcommittee on PCN. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Review of the status of the subcommittee's previous meetings' work efforts.

(2) Finalization of recommendations to CTAC and preparation for presentation to CTAC.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than September 18, 1998. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 18, 1998. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 11, 1998.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee on Training and Qualifications; Meeting Cancellation

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the September 10, 1998, meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) scheduled to discuss Training and Qualifications Issues (63 FR 42094, August 6, 1998) has been cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled in a later **Federal Register** notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regina L. Jones, (202) 267-9822, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-104) Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20591.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 27, 1998.

Jan Demuth,

Acting Assistant Executive Director for Training and Qualifications, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4034; Notice 14]

Pipeline Safety: Intent To Approve Project and Environmental Assessment for the Natural Gas Pipe Line Company of America Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to approve project and environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: As part of its Congressional mandate to conduct a Risk Management Demonstration Program, the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) has been authorized to conduct demonstration

projects with pipeline operators to determine how risk management might be used to complement and improve the existing Federal pipeline safety regulatory process. This is a notice that OPS intends to approve Natural Gas Pipe Line Company of America (NGPL) as a participant in the Pipeline Risk Management Demonstration Program. This also provides an environmental assessment of NGPL's demonstration project. Based on this environmental assessment, OPS has preliminarily concluded that this proposed project will not have significant environmental impacts.

This notice explains OPS's rationale for approving this project, and summarizes the demonstration project provisions that would go into effect once OPS issues an order approving NGPL as a Demonstration Program participant. OPS seeks public comment on the proposed demonstration project so that it may consider and address these comments before approving the project. The NGPL demonstration project is one of several projects OPS plans to approve and monitor in assessing risk management as a component of the Federal pipeline safety regulatory program.

ADDRESSES: OPS requests that comments to this notice or about this environmental assessment be submitted on or before October 1, 1998 so they can be considered before project approval. However, comments on this or any other demonstration project will be accepted in the Docket throughout the 4-year demonstration period. Comments should be sent to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or you can E-Mail your comments to ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov. Comments should identify the docket number RSPA-98-4034. Persons should submit the original comment document and one (1) copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building in Room 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Callsen, OPS, (202) 366-4572, regarding the subject matter of this notice. Contact the Dockets Unit, (202) 366-5046, for docket material. Comments may also be reviewed online at the DOT Docket Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov/>.