

GATT 1994 in situations when, at the end of the time limits imposed by sections 301–310, the DSB has not yet made a determination that a WTO member has not complied with its WTO obligations, and has not yet authorized the suspension of concessions with regard to such non-compliance. Specifically, the EC alleges that the U.S. legislation is inconsistent with the obligations of the United States under Articles 3, 21, 22, and 23 of the DSU; Article XVI:4 of the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the WTO; and Articles I, II, III, VIII, and XI of the GATT 1994.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be in English and provided in fifteen copies to Sandy McKinzy at the address provided above. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commentator. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by the USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitting person believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitting person—

- (1) Must so designate the information or advice;
- (2) Must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy; and
- (3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), the USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include a listing of any comments received by the USTR from the public with respect to the proceeding; the U.S. submissions to the panel in the proceeding, the

submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, to the panel received from other parties in the dispute, as well as the report of the dispute settlement panel, and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/D–152, Sections 301–310 Dispute) may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395–6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Summit County, CO

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent and public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for the proposed transportation improvements on SH 9 from Frisco to Breckenridge in Summit County, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Scott Sands, FHWA Colorado Division, 555 Zang Street, Room 250, Denver, CO 80228, Telephone: 303/969–6730 extension 362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for transportation improvements on SH 9 from Frisco to Breckenridge in Summit County, Colorado. The EIS will evaluate the No-action and Build alternative(s) on SH 9 study limit from I–70 to River Park Drive south of Breckenridge, and determine the estimated costs and potential impacts associated with each. CDOT will be the local lead agency for the preparation of the EIS. The project is approximately ten miles in length and alternatives which may be evaluated included TSM (Transportation System Management), various four lane roadway typical sections and transit alternatives. Scoping has begun within the Environmental Assessment first initiated for this project. A public

scoping meeting was held in Frisco, Colorado on November 5, 1998. Scoping meetings have also been conducted with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Frisco City Council, Breckenridge City Council, Summit County Commissioners as well as interested citizens, property owners, business owners and others. Scoping will be continued through coordination with affected parties, organizations, federal, state and local agencies with future public and one-on-one meetings which will be held throughout the life of the project.

Written comments on project scope should be sent to: Ms. Lisa Kassels, Planning and Environmental Project Manager, CDOT Region 1, 18500 East Colfax Avenue, Aurora, CO 80011, Telephone: 303/757–9156.

FHWA, CDOT and other local agencies invite interested individuals, organizations, and federal, state and local agencies to participate in defining the alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS and identifying any significant social, economic, or environmental issues related to the alternatives. Information describing the purpose of the project, the proposed alternatives, the areas to be evaluated, the citizen involvement program, and the preliminary project schedule will be available. These scoping materials may be requested contacting Ms. Lisa Kassels at the address and phone number above. Scoping comments may be made verbally at future public meetings or in writing. The public will receive notices on location and time of future meetings through newspaper advertisements and individual correspondence.

To ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. If you wish to be placed on the mailing list to receive further information as the project develops, contact Ms. Lisa Kassels.

All significant social, economic, and environmental impacts of the alternatives carried forward for further study (e.g., the No-action alternative, a TSM alternative, a Build alternative) will be evaluated. Depending upon the alternatives under study, environmental and social impacts to be evaluated may include safety and mobility impacts, traffic and parking impacts if stations are proposed, visual impacts, impacts on cultural and paleontological resources, and noise impacts. Impacts on natural areas, threatened and endangered species, and water quality

will also be covered. Depending upon the alternative which surfaces as the preferred and the associated impacts of that alternative, construction-related impacts may need to be evaluated, and mitigation of any significant adverse impacts would be developed.

In accordance with FHWA policy, the Draft EIS will be prepared with required engineering design studies necessary to complete the document. After its publication, the Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comments, and a public hearing will be held. On the basis of the Draft EIS and the comments received, a preferred alternative will be selected and preparation of the Final EIS and Record of Decision will proceed.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for 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) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

Blue Grass Railroad Museum, Incorporated

[Docket Number FRA-1999-5026]

The Blue Grass Railroad Museum, Incorporated, (BRMI) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the *Safety Glazing Standards*, 49 CFR 223.11, 223.13, and 223.15, that requires certified glazing, for three locomotives, one caboose, and four passenger cars. The BRMI is located in Versailles, Kentucky. The BRMI states they operate tourist excursions over 5.5 miles of track at a speed not to exceed 10 mph. They also state that all equipment is equipped with shatter

proof glass that does not meet the Federal Glazing Standards.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1999-5026) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for 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) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favour of relief.

Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company

[Docket Number FRA-1998-4615]

The Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company (IHB) seeks an extension of one year for waiver of compliance (H-97-5) from 49 CFR 229.131, Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards, Cabs and Cab Equipment—Sanders. Section 229.131 states: "Except for MU locomotives, each locomotive shall be equipped with operable sanders that deposit sand on each rail in front of the first power operated wheel set in the direction of movement." IHB would like to continue to operate one switching locomotive as part of the test of a new technology adhesion device. If approved the test period would be continued for one year beyond the date originally approved. The IHB reports the test locomotive has been confined to yard switching service and is monitored daily. To date the IHB reports they have not experienced any problems with the device.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-1998-4615) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) at DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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