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Methodology

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Michael J. Capozzi,
Acting Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10759]

Notice of Charter Renewal for the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy

SUMMARY: The official designation of this advisory committee is the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The Commission was originally established under Section 604 of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, as amended, and under Section 8 of Reorganization Plan Number 2 of 1977. It was reauthorized pursuant to Section 702 of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Pub. L. 114-323), which amended the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6553) and re-authorized the Commission through September 30, 2020.

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy appraises U.S. government activities intended to understand, inform, and influence foreign publics. The Advisory Commission may conduct studies, inquiries, and meetings, as it deems necessary. It may assemble and disseminate information and issue reports and other publications, subject to the approval of the Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Director. The Advisory Commission may undertake foreign travel in pursuit of its studies and coordinate, sponsor, or oversee projects, studies, events, or other activities that it deems desirable and necessary in fulfilling its functions.

The Charter renewal was filed on April 29, 2019.

For further information about the Commission, please contact John J. Daigle, the Commission's Designated Federal Officer, at DaigleJ@state.gov.

John J. Daigle,

Designated Federal Official, Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10762]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Charged With Buddha’s Blessings: Relics From an Ancient Stupa” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition “Charged with Buddha’s Blessings: Relics from an Ancient Stupa,” 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 owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Rubin Museum of Art, New York, New York, from on or about May 31, 2019, until on or about June 8, 2020, 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), Executive Order 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, and Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000.

Marie Therese Porter Royce,

Assistant Secretary, Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1275X]

Transkentucky Transportation Railroad Inc.—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Mason County, Ky.

Transkentucky Transportation Railroad Inc. (TTI),¹ a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue approximately 13.1 miles of trackage rights over CSXT’s Cincinnati Subdivision between milepost CA 595.6, near Springdale, and milepost CA 608.7, near Charleston Bottoms, in Mason County, Ky. (the Line).² There is one station on the Line at Maysville, Ky. (FSAC 70). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 41056.

TTI has certified that: (1) No traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service on the Line is pending either with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA)³ to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 8, 2019, unless stayed

¹ TTI is a wholly owned subsidiary of CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT).

² *Transkentucky Transp. R.R.—Trackage Rights Exemption—CSX Transp., Inc.*, FD 31595 (STB served Feb. 9, 1990).

³ Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by May 17, 2019, and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)⁴ must be filed by May 20, 2019.⁵ Petitions to reopen must be filed by May 29, 2019, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to TTT's representative, Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Ave., Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: May 3, 2019.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Modification of Section 301 Action: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of modification of action.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the direction of the President, the U.S. Trade Representative (Trade Representative) has determined to modify the action being taken in this Section 301 investigation by increasing the rate of additional duty from 10 percent to 25 percent for the products of China covered by the September 2018 action in this investigation. The Trade Representative has further determined to establish a process by which interested persons may request that particular products classified within a tariff subheading covered by the September 2018 action be excluded from the additional duties.

DATES: The rate of additional duty will increase to 25 percent with respect to products covered by the September 2018 action on May 10, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, contact Associate General Counsel Arthur Tsao, Assistant General Counsel Philip Butler, or Director of Industrial Goods Justin Hoffmann at (202) 395-5725. For questions on customs classification or implementation of additional duties on products covered by the September 2018 action, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. September 2018 Action

For background on the proceedings in this investigation, please see the prior notices issued in the investigation, including 82 FR 40213 (August 23, 2017), 83 FR 14906 (April 6, 2018), 83 FR 28710 (June 20, 2018), 83 FR 33608 (July 17, 2018), 83 FR 38760 (August 7, 2018), and 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018).

In a notice published on September 21, 2018 (83 FR 47974), the Trade Representative, at the direction of the President, announced a determination to modify the action being taken in the investigation by imposing additional duties on products of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$200 billion. The rate of additional duty initially was 10 percent. Those additional duties were effective starting on September 24, 2018, and currently are in effect. Under Annex B of the September 21 notice, the rate of additional duty was set to increase to 25 percent on January 1, 2019. In the September 21 notice, the Trade Representative stated that he would continue to consider the actions taken in this investigation, and if further modifications were appropriate, he would take into account the extensive public comments and testimony previously provided in response to the notices published on July 17, 2018 (83 FR 33608) and August 7, 2018 (83 FR 38760).

On September 28, 2018 (83 FR 49153), the Trade Representative issued a conforming amendment and modification of the September 21 notice. The current notice refers to the September 21 notice, as modified by the September 28 notice, as the 'September 2018 action.'

On December 19, 2018 (83 FR 65198), in accordance with the direction of the President, the Trade Representative determined to modify the September 2018 action by postponing until March 2, 2019, the increase in the rate of

additional duty to 25 percent. The Annex to the December 19 notice, which superseded Annex B to the September 21 notice, amended the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) to reflect this postponement of the increase in the rate of duty applicable to the September 2018 action.

On March 5, 2019 (84 FR 7699), in accordance with the direction of the President, the Trade Representative determined to modify the September 2018 action by postponing until further notice the increase in the rate of additional duty to 25 percent. Annex B of the September 21 notice (83 FR 47974) and the Annex to the December 19 notice (83 FR 65198) were rescinded. In accordance with Annex A of the September 21 notice, the rate of additional duty under the September 2018 action remained at 10 percent until further notice.

B. Determination to Further Modify September 2018 Action

The United States is engaging with China with the goal of obtaining the elimination of the acts, policies, and practices covered in the investigation. The leaders of the United States and China met on December 1, 2018, and agreed to hold negotiations on a range of issues, including those covered in this Section 301 investigation. See <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/statement-press-secretary-regarding-presidents-working-dinner-china/>. Since the meeting on December 1, the United States and China have engaged in additional rounds of negotiation on these issues, including meetings in March, April, and May of 2019. In the most recent negotiations, China has chosen to retreat from specific commitments agreed to in earlier rounds. In light of the lack of progress in discussions with China, the President has directed the Trade Representative to increase the rate of additional duty to 25 percent.

Section 301(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act), provides that the Trade Representative "shall take all appropriate and feasible action authorized under [Section 301(c)] to obtain the elimination of [the] act, policy, or practice [under investigation]." Section 307(a)(1) of the Trade Act authorizes the Trade Representative to modify or terminate any action being taken under Section 301, subject to the specific direction, if any, of the President if "the burden or restriction on United States commerce . . . of the acts, policies, and practices, that are the subject of such action has increased or decreased, or such action is

⁴ The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

⁵ Because this is a discontinued proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review.