

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 3583]****Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution; Notice of Meeting**

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution, a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee, will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the agenda items to be considered at the forty-sixth Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 46) to be held at the IMO headquarters in London from 23 through 27 April 2001. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for MEPC 46 will be discussed. The major items for discussion for MEPC 46 include the following:

- a. Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- b. Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- c. Implementation of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC Convention) and the Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Cooperation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances (OPRC-HNS Protocol);
- d. Harmful effects of the use of anti-fouling paints for ships;
- e. Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- f. Recycling of ships;
- g. Interpretation and amendments of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78) and related Codes;
- h. Inadequacy of reception facilities;
- i. Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- j. Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 and related Codes;
- k. Preparation for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (RIO+10);
- l. Matters related to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on board ships (INF Code);
- m. The role of human element with regard to pollution prevention; and
- n. Matters related to the 1973 Intervention Protocol.

Please note that hard copies of documents associated with MEPC 46 will not be available at this meeting.

Requests for hard copies may be made in writing to the address provided below. Documents will be available in Adobe Acrobat format on CD-ROM on the day of the meeting or can be requested on-line at the web address provided below.

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views in advance of the meeting, please contact Lieutenant Dave Beck, U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Standards Division (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; telephone (202) 267-0713; fax (202) 267-4690, e-mail dbeck@comdt.uscg.mil; or on-line at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso/mso4/mepc.html>.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, U.S. Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14)**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14) will hold a meeting on March 19, 2001, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be opened to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2001, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce, Conference Room 3407, located at 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Millie Sjoborg or Pam Wilbur (202) 482-4792 Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (principal contact), or myself on (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the opened portion of the meeting the following topics will be covered:

- Discussion with USTR on SME trade policy issues;
 - Discussion on Dispute Resolution;
 - Discussion on trade with Africa;
- and

- Committee business.

Christina Sevilla,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. NAFTA/Ch20]

NAFTA Consultations Regarding Mexico—Allocation of Tariff-Rate Quota on Dry Beans

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representatives (USTR) is providing notice that on November 30, 2000, the United States requested consultations with Mexico under Chapter 20 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), regarding Mexico's allocation of the duty-free tariff rate quota (TRQ) for certain dry beans from the United States. The Schedule of Mexico set forth in Annex 302.2 of the NAFTA requires Mexico to provide a duty-free TRQ for certain dry beans (tariff item 0713.33.02) from the United States. Mexico did not allocate the 1999 or 2000 dry bean TRQs for the United States in a timely manner, effectively denying U.S. exporters the full market access to which they are entitled. These actions appear to be inconsistent with Mexico's obligations under Article 302 and Annex 302.2 of the NAFTA. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although the USTR will accept any comments received during the course of these dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before April 6, 2001 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Leah Mayo, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Room 222, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, Attn: Mexico Dry Beans NAFTA Dispute. Telephone: (202) 395-3582.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan A. Millán, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600, 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 395-3581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 20 of the NAFTA establishes dispute

settlement procedures to resolve disputes over any matter affecting the operation of the Agreement. Chapter 20 calls for three stages of efforts to resolve a dispute: Consultations by the parties, a meeting of the NAFTA Free Trade Commission, and, finally, arbitration before a panel. An arbitral panel formed under the Chapter 20 procedures would be expected to render its final report within five to six months after the request to establish the panel is filed.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

The United States considers that Mexico's allocation of the duty-free tariff rate quota (TRQ) for certain dry beans (tariff item 0713.33.02) from the United States fails to comply with Mexico's obligations under Article 302 and Annex 302.2 of the NAFTA. The Schedule of Mexico set forth in Annex 302.2 requires Mexico to provide a duty-free TRQ for certain dry beans from the United States. The annual quantity of the duty-free TRQ is specified in footnote 29 of its Annex 302.2 Schedule. Article 302(4) of the NAFTA permits a Party "to allocate in-quota imports made pursuant to a tariff rate quota set out in Annex 302.2, provided that such measures do not have trade restrictive effects on imports additional to those caused by the imposition of the tariff rate quota." In both 1999 and 2000, Mexico did not allocate the dry bean TRQs for the United States in a timely manner, effectively denying U.S. exporters the full market access to which they are entitled under the TRQ. The United States believes these actions are inconsistent with Mexico's obligations under Article 302 and Annex 302.2 of the NAFTA.

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. A persons 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 comments. 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 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 submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

(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.

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 non-confidential comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the dispute; and, if an arbitral panel is convened, the U.S. submissions to that panel and the final report of the panel. An appointment to review the public file (Docket NAFTA/Ch20, Mexico—Allocation of Tariff-Rate Quota on Dry Beans) 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.

A. Jane Bradley,

Assistant United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements filed during the week ending February 23, 2001

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2001-8955.

Date Filed: February 22, 2001.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC23 EUR-SASC 0075 dated February 2, 2001, TC23 Europe-South Asian Subcontinent, Resolutions r1-r15, Minutes—PTC23 EUR-SASC 0076 dated February 2, 2001, Tables—PTC23 EUR-SASC Fares 0024 dated

February 2, 2001, Intended effective date: April 1, 2001.

Dorothy Y. Beard,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending February 16, 2001

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-1995-370.

Date Filed: February 12, 2001.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: March 5, 2001.

Description: Application of United Air Lines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41101, 14 CFR Parts 201 and 302, subpart B, applies for renewal of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 703, which authorizes United to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the terminal point Miami, Florida, and the terminal point Lima, Peru.

Dorothy Y. Beard,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Informal Airspace Workshop; Air Traffic Control Airspace and Procedures Revisions for Anchorage Terminal Area, Anchorage, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.