

SIX MONTH PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL  
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO YUGOSLAVIA (SER-  
BIA AND MONTENEGRO) AND KOSOVO

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**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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A COMBINED SIX MONTH PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL  
EMERGENCIES DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE FEDERAL RE-  
PUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO) DE-  
CLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12808 ON MAY 30, 1992 AND  
KOSOVO IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13088 ON JUNE 9, 1998, PURSU-  
ANT TO 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) AND 50 U.S.C. 1703(c)



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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, May 27, 2003.*

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I am providing a combined 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergencies declared with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in Executive Order 12808 on May 30, 1992, and Kosovo in Executive Order 13088 on June 9, 1998.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.



PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCIES WITH RESPECT  
TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTE-  
NEGRO)

This report to the Congress addresses developments over the course of the past 6 months concerning the national emergency with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (now officially Serbia and Montenegro from February 4, 2003) (the "FRY (SaM)") that was declared in Executive Order 12808 on May 30, 1992, and was expanded in Executive Order 12934, issued on October 25, 1994, with respect to the Bosnian Serbs. This report also covers developments over the course of the past 6 months concerning the national emergency with respect to the FRY (SaM) and Kosovo that was declared in Executive Order 13088 on June 9, 1998, as supplemented by Executive Order 13121, issued on April 30, 1999, and as amended in Executive Order 13192 of January 17, 2001. This report is submitted pursuant to section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c) (IEEPA), and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c).

The Department of the Treasury effected a partial unblocking of assets on February 25, 2002. This unblocking was pursuant to the new general licenses issued by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") in the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Bosnian Serb-controlled Areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina Sanctions Regulations," 31 CFR Part 585 (the "Bosnia and Herzegovina Regulations") and the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) Kosovo Sanctions Regulations," 31 CFR Part 586 (the "Kosovo Regulations") on December 27, 2002, (67 Fed. Reg. 78973). The general licenses unblocked all remaining property and interests in property blocked under the Bosnia and Herzegovina Regulations and the Kosovo Regulations 60 days from December 27, 2002, with certain exceptions. Those exceptions kept blocked any property or interests in property of (1) diplomatic and/or consular missions of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, (2) those persons who are presently subject to sanctions under the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) Milosevic Regulations," 31 CFR Part 587 (the "Milosevic Regulations") or the "Western Balkans Stabilization Regulations," 31 CFR Part 588, or (3) the central bank of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (the National Bank of Yugoslavia). A copy of these regulatory amendments is attached.

There were no amendments to the Milosevic Regulations during this reporting period.

During this reporting period, OFAC issued no specific licenses under the Kosovo Regulations or the Milosevic Regulations. Letters were issued notifying applicants for specific licenses that property blocked under both the Bosnia and Herzegovina Regulations and

the Kosovo Regulations would be unblocked, subject to certain exceptions, under the general licenses described in Paragraph 1, without further action on their part.

In April 2003, the United States Government took steps, through a series of directive licenses, to transfer the assets of the National Bank of Yugoslavia that were blocked pursuant to the 1992 national emergency to the successor states of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In any cases where such assets have yet to be transferred, the assets remain blocked.

Since my last report, OFAC has collected four civil monetary penalties totaling more than \$43,000 for violations of the sanctions by two U.S. financial institutions and two U.S. companies. These violations involved payments either to the Government of the FRY (SaM), persons in the FRY (SaM), or to blocked entities owned or controlled by the Government of the FRY (SaM), or the importation of goods from the territory of the FRY during the effective period of the trade sanctions. An additional case is undergoing penalty action for violation of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Regulations and an additional 104 cases are undergoing penalty action for violation of the Kosovo Regulations.

The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from December 1, 2002, through May 29, 2003, that are directly attributable to the declaration of the national emergencies made in 1992 and 1998 are estimated at approximately \$235,000, most of which represents wage and salary costs for Federal personnel. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in OFAC, the Chief Counsel's Office, and the U.S. Customs Service), the Departments of State and Commerce, and the National Security Council.

It is in the United States' foreign policy interest to support Serbia and Montenegro's freely elected government as it works toward building a stable, democratic, and economically vibrant society. Following Secretary of State Powell's May 2002 meeting with FRY Foreign Minister Svilanovic and then Serbian Prime Minister Djindjic, Secretary Powell formally certified to the Congress that the FRY was cooperating with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia ("ICTY"). Subsequently, Secretary Powell requested that the Department of the Treasury take steps to begin the process of unblocking all previously frozen assets—except those linked to Slobodan Milosevic, his close associates and supporters and persons under indictment for war crimes by the ICTY.

The Departments of State and Treasury worked closely on a plan to unblock certain assets and to transfer others. Certain steps remain with respect to a small category of property that continues to be blocked. The funds transferred took on added importance for Serbia and Montenegro as it began to deal with the financial repercussions relating to the tragic assassination of Serbian Prime Minister Djindjic. The plan to unblock certain assets and transfer others also underscores the United States' continuing commitment to fully normalizing economic relations with Serbia and Montenegro.

*(Pasteurella) haemolytica* and *Pasteurella multocida*.

(3) *Limitations.* Animals intended for human consumption should not be slaughtered within 4 days from the last treatment. Do not use in cattle intended for dairy production. A withdrawal period has not been established for this product in pre-ruminating calves. Do not use in calves to be processed for veal. Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian. Federal law prohibits the extra-label use of this drug in food-producing animals.

**PART 556—TOLERANCES FOR RESIDUES OF NEW ANIMAL DRUGS IN FOOD**

3. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 556 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 342, 360b, 371.

4. Section 556.169 is added to read as follows:

**§ 556.169 Danofloxacin.**

(a) *Acceptable daily intake (ADI).* The ADI for total residues of danofloxacin is 2.4 micrograms per kilogram of body weight per day.

(b) *Tolerances—(1) Cattle—(i) Liver (the target tissue).* The tolerance for parent danofloxacin (the marker residue) is 0.2 part per million (ppm).

(ii) *Muscle.* The tolerance for parent danofloxacin (the marker residue) is 0.2 ppm.

(2) [Reserved].

Dated: December 17, 2002.

Stephen F. Sundlof,

Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Office of Foreign Assets Control**

**31 CFR Parts 585 and 586**

**Unblocking of Assets; Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) and Bosnian Serb-Controlled Areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina Sanctions Regulations; Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) Kosovo Sanctions Regulations**

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") of the U.S. Department of Treasury is issuing general licenses, to be effective February

25, 2003, unblocking certain property and interests in property presently blocked pursuant to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) and Bosnian Serb-controlled areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina Sanctions Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 585 and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) Kosovo Sanctions Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 586. The general licenses effecting the unblocking under both of the above sets of regulations will not apply to property or interests in property of those persons who are presently subject to sanctions under either the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) Milosevic Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 587 or the Western Balkans Transactions Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 588, or who are otherwise subject to sanctions under other parts of 31 CFR chapter V. In addition, the general license effecting the unblocking under 31 CFR part 585 will not apply to property or interests in property of diplomatic and/or consular missions of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia or to the blocked property or interests in property of the National Bank of Yugoslavia subject to part 585. In order to allow for claims and encumbrances associated with the property and interests in property being unblocked to be addressed, OFAC is also issuing general licenses, effective December 27, 2002, authorizing any person or government to seek judicial or other legal protection of any rights they may have with respect to the property and interests in property being unblocked.

**DATES:** Effective Date: December 27, 2002.

**Applicable Dates:** The general licenses set forth in 31 CFR §§ 585.529(a) and 586.520(a) shall become applicable February 25, 2003. The general licenses set forth in 31 CFR 585.529(b) and 586.520(b) shall become applicable December 27, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief of Compliance Programs, tel.: 202/622-2490, Chief of Licensing, tel.: 202/622-2480, Chief of Policy Planning and Program Management, tel.: 202/622-2500, or Chief Counsel, tel.: 202/622-2410, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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**Background**

Pursuant to Presidential Determination No. 96-7 of December 27, 1995 (61 FR 2887, January 29, 1996), and Executive Order 13192 of January 17, 2001 (66 FR 7379, Jan. 23, 2001), most Treasury-administered sanctions imposed upon the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) (the "FRY(S&M)") in response to the actions of the FRY(S&M) in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1992 through 1995 and with respect to Kosovo from 1998 through 2000 have been suspended or lifted. Nevertheless, most property and interests in property blocked under either the Bosnia-related sanctions regulations (31 CFR part 585) or the Kosovo-related sanctions regulations (31 CFR part 586) have remained blocked, primarily to provide for the address of claims and encumbrances that may be associated with such property or interests in property, including potential claims of the successor states of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

As part of the U.S. Government's efforts to assist the FRY(S&M) in recovering from the effects of the Milosevic regime, certain steps are being taken to unblock much of the remaining property and interests in property blocked under either 31 CFR part 585 or 31 CFR part 586. On October 3, 2001 (66 FR 50506), OFAC issued an interim final rule amending 31 CFR part 586, which included authorization for the unblocking of certain Yugoslav debt and authorization for the release of certain blocked financial transfers. At present, OFAC is issuing general licenses, effective February 25, 2003, authorizing the unblocking of all remaining blocked property and interests in property, except (i) property or interests in property of diplomatic and/or consular missions of the former Socialist Federal

Republic of Yugoslavia, (ii) property or interests in property of those persons who are presently subject to sanctions under either the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) Milosevic Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 587 or the Western Balkans Transactions Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 588, or who are otherwise subject to sanctions under other parts of 31 CFR chapter V, and (iii) the property or interests in property of the central bank of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, *i.e.*, the National Bank of Yugoslavia, that have been blocked pursuant to 31 CFR part 585. (Property and interests in property of the National Bank of Yugoslavia blocked pursuant to 31 CFR part 586 will be unblocked pursuant to the general license being issued at § 586.520.)

In order to allow for claims and encumbrances associated with the property and interests in property being unblocked to be addressed in a manner consistent with Presidential Determination No. 96-7 and Executive Order 13192, OFAC is also issuing general licenses, effective December 27, 2002, authorizing any person or government to seek judicial or other legal process with respect to property or interests in property being unblocked. These general licenses are intended to help persons and governments, including the successor states to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to protect any rights they may have with respect to such property or interests in property. These general licenses do not constitute a determination that any particular property or interest in property subject to the unblocking authorization would not be subject to defenses against any judicial or legal process, including claims of immunity.

Because the amendment of 31 CFR parts 585 and 586 involves a foreign affairs function, the provisions of Executive Order 12866 and the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) (the "APA") requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public participation, and delay in effective date, are inapplicable. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) does not apply.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

The collections of information related to 31 CFR parts 585 and 586 are contained in 31 CFR part 501 (the "Reporting and Procedures Regulations"). Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. 3507), those collections of information have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1505-0164. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid control number.

#### List of Subjects

##### 31 CFR Part 585

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks and banking, Blocking of assets, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro), Montenegro, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Serbia.

##### 31 CFR Part 586

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, Banking, Blocking of assets, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro), Kosovo, Montenegro, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Serbia.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 31 CFR parts 585 and 586 are amended as follows:

#### **PART 585—FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA & MONTENEGRO) AND BOSNIAN SERB-CONTROLLED AREAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SANCTIONS REGULATIONS**

1. The authority citation for part 585 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 3 U.S.C. 301; 22 U.S.C. 287(c); 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 49 U.S.C. 40106; 50 U.S.C. 1601-1651, 1701-1706; Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); E.O. 12808, 57 FR 23299, 3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 305; E.O. 12810, 57 FR 23299, 3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 307; E.O. 12831, 58 FR 5253, 3 CFR, 1993 Comp., p. 576; E.O. 12848, 58 FR 25771, 3 CFR, 1993 Comp., p. 599; E.O. 12934, 59 FR 54117, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 930.

#### **Subpart E—Licenses, Authorizations, and Statements of Licensing Policy**

2. Section 585.529 is added to subpart E to read as follows:

##### **§ 585.529 Unblocking of previously blocked property.**

(a)(1) Except for such property and interests in property described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, as of February 25, 2003, all transactions that otherwise would be prohibited by this part involving property or interests in property blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12808 of May 30, 1992, Executive Order 12810 of June 5, 1992, Executive Order 12846 of April 25, 1993, or Executive Order 12934 of October 25,

1994, that has remained blocked pursuant to Presidential Determination No. 96-7 of December 27, 1995, are authorized.

(2) The authorization in paragraph (a)(1) does not apply to:

(i) Property or interests in property of diplomatic and/or consular missions of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,

(ii) Property or interests in property blocked pursuant to this part of those persons presently subject to sanctions under either the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) Milosevic Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 587 or the Western Balkans Transactions Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 588, or who are otherwise subject to sanctions under this chapter, or

(iii) Property or interests in property of the National Bank of Yugoslavia blocked pursuant to this part.

(b) As of December 27, 2002, any person or government is authorized to seek an attachment, judgment, decree, lien, or other judicial or legal process against or with respect to any property or interests in property subject to the unblocking authorization set forth in paragraph (a) of this section. This section does not authorize any execution against, final settlement with respect to, garnishment of, or other action effecting the transfer of any property or interests in property subject to the unblocking authorization set forth in paragraph (a) of this section prior to February 25, 2003.

Note to paragraph (b) of § 585.529: Any person or government seeking judicial or other legal process under the authority of this paragraph must comply with the reporting requirements set forth under 31 CFR 501.605 pertaining to litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution proceedings.

#### **PART 586—FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA & MONTENEGRO) KOSOVO SANCTIONS REGULATIONS**

3. The authority citation for part 586 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 3 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50 U.S.C. 1601-1651, 1701-1706; E.O. 13088, 63 FR 32109, 3 CFR, 98 Comp., p. 191; E.O. 13121, 64 FR 24021, 3 CFR, 99 Comp., p. 176; E.O. 13192, 66 FR 7379, January 23, 2001.

#### **Subpart E—Licenses, Authorizations, and Statements of Licensing Policy**

4. Section 586.520 is added to subpart E to read as follows:



**§ 586.520 Unblocking of previously blocked property.**

(a)(1) Except for such property and interests in property set forth in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, as of February 25, 2003, all transactions that otherwise would be prohibited by this part involving property or interests in property blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13088 of June 9, 1998, or Executive Order 13121 of April 30, 1999, that has remained blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13192 of January 17, 2001, are authorized.

(2) The authorization in paragraph (a)(1) does not apply to property or interests in property blocked pursuant to this part of those persons presently subject to sanctions under either the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) Milosevic Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 587 or the Western Balkans Transactions Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 588, or who are otherwise subject to sanctions under this chapter.

(b)(1) As of December 27, 2002, any person or government is authorized to seek an attachment, judgment, decree, lien, or other judicial or legal process against or with respect to any property or interests in property subject to the unblocking authorization set forth in paragraph (a) of this section. This section does not authorize any execution against, final settlement with respect to, garnishment of, or other action effecting the transfer of any property or interests in property subject to the unblocking authorization set forth in paragraph (a) of this section prior to February 25, 2003.

**Note to paragraph (b) of § 586.520:** Any person or government seeking judicial or other legal process under the authority of this paragraph must comply with the reporting requirements set forth under 31 CFR 501.605 pertaining to litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution proceedings.

Dated: December 12, 2002.

**R. Richard Newcomb,**  
*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

Approved: December 17, 2002.

**Kenneth E. Lawson,**  
*Assistant Secretary (Enforcement),  
Department of the Treasury.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117****(CGD08-02-042)****RIN 2115-AE47****Drawbridge Operation Regulation;  
Mississippi River, Dubuque, IA****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Temporary rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District is temporarily changing the regulation governing the Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge, Mile 579.9, Upper Mississippi River. From 12:01 a.m., December 19, 2002, until 7 a.m., March 1, 2003, the drawbridge shall open on signal if at least 24 hours advance notice is given. This temporary rule is issued to facilitate annual maintenance and repair on the bridge.

**DATES:** This temporary rule is effective 12:01 a.m. on December 19, 2002, to 7 a.m. on March 1, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents referred to in this rule are available for inspection or copying at room 2.107f in the Robert A. Young Federal Building at Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2832, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (314) 539-3900, extension 2378. Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District (obr) maintains the public docket for this rulemaking.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, (314) 539-3900, extension 2378.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Good Cause for Not Publishing an NPRM**

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. This rule is being promulgated without an NPRM as a matter of public safety. Annual maintenance on the Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge in Dubuque, Iowa is performed by a roving railroad maintenance crew whose schedule difficult to forecast. In order to keep up with maintenance of all drawbridges in the area, the maintenance crew must move quickly from one maintenance job to the next. Publishing an NPRM and allowing for the requisite comment

period would severely reduce the repair time and prevent the maintenance crew from completing annual maintenance to the drawbridge. Therefore, the Coast Guard finds the public safety is better served by not publishing an NPRM.

**Good Cause for Making Rule Effective in Less Than 30 Days**

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. For the same reasons that an NPRM was not published, the Coast Guard finds that public safety is better served by making this rule effective less than 30 days after its publication.

**Background and Purpose**

On November 19, 2002, the Canadian National/Illinois Central Railroad Company requested a temporary change to the operation of the Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge across the Upper Mississippi River, Mile 579.9 at Dubuque, Iowa. Canadian National/Illinois Central Railroad Company requested that 24 hours advance notice be required to open the bridge during the maintenance period. The maintenance is necessary to ensure the continued safe operation of the drawbridge. Advance notice may be given by calling the Canadian National/Illinois Central Dispatcher's office at (800) 711-3477 at any time; or Mr. Mike McDemott, office (319) 236-9238 or cell phone (319) 269-2102.

The Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge navigation span has a vertical clearance of 19.9 feet above normal pool in the closed to navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft. Presently, the draw opens on signal for passage of river traffic. The Canadian National/Illinois Central Railroad Company requested the drawbridge be permitted to remain closed to navigation from 12:01 a.m., December 19, 2002, until 7 a.m., March 1, 2003 unless 24 hours advance notice is given to open the drawbridge. Winter freezing of the Upper Mississippi River coupled with the closure of Army Corps of Engineer's Lock No. 17 (Mile 437.0 UMR), Lock No. 19 (Mile 364.1 UMR) until 7:30 a.m. March 1, 2003 and Lock No. 24 (Mile 273.4 UMR) until March 15, 2003 will reduce any significant navigation demands for the drawspan opening. The Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge, Mile 579.9, Upper Mississippi River, is located upstream from Lock 17. Performing maintenance on the bridge during the winter, when the number of vessels likely to be impacted is minimal,