

UNIDROIT project involves rules for international secured interests for mobile equipment.

Requesters may also be interested in the recently completed UNCITRAL rules on electronic commerce, which cover the legal effect and validity of computer messages in commercial transactions, functional equivalents of signatures, writings, etc., attribution of messages, time and place where communications are deemed to have taken place, and other matters.

The meeting of the Advisory Committee Study Group is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. Members of the public who cannot attend are welcome to comment on the referenced documents, including any recommendations for possible U.S. positions on these matters. The meeting will take place at the Southern Methodist University School of Law, 3315 Daniels Avenue, Dallas, Texas in the Thomas Seminar Room at Storey Hall. Persons who expect to attend should advise either the Office of the Legal Adviser (L/PIL), Suite 357 South Building, 2430 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037-2800, fax (202) 776-8482 or Professor Peter Winship at SMU at (214) 768-2575 or by fax (214) 768-4330. Documents can be requested from the Office of the Legal Adviser; for further information please contact Harold S. Burman of that office or Professor Winship.

Harold S. Burman,

*Advisory Committee, Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on July 3, 1996 [FR 61, page 34921].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 9, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Barbara Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Information Management, telephone (202) 267-2326.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

United States Coast Guard

*Title:* Ballast Water Management for Vessels Entering the Great Lakes.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0598.

*Affected Public:* Owners/operators of vessels who enter the Great Lakes.

*Abstract:* The collection of information requires vessels entering the Great Lakes through the Saint Lawrence Seaway after operating outside the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States to keep records of their ballast water management.

*Need:* Under Title 33 U.S.C. 4711 the Coast Guard has the authority to check and monitor vessels entering the Great Lakes regarding their management of ballast water.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden is 228 hours annually.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention OST Desk Officer.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 5, 1996.

Phillip A. Leach,

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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#### Aviation Proceedings; Agreements Filed During the Week Ending 8/30/96

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

*Docket Number:* OST-96-1671.

*Date filed:* August 30, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:*

TC23 Telex Mail Vote 825

Iran-TC3 fares—r-1

TC3 Telex Mail Vote 826

Taiwan-Japan fares

Telex-Correction—r-2

Intended effective date: October 1, 1996

Paulette V. Twine,

*Chief, Documentary Services Division.*

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## Federal Aviation Administration

### Updates to Advisory Circular 27-1, Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft, and Advisory Circular 29-2A, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Advisory Circular (AC) updates; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and request for comments on updates to AC 27-1, Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft, and AC 29-2A, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft. The updates contain guidance material to bring the AC's up to date with the most recent amendments to 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 27 and 29. Consolidated versions of AC 27 (renumbered as AC 27-1A) and AC 29 (renumbered as AC 29-2B) are scheduled to be published in the summer of 1997. In addition to the updates, AC 27-1A will include changes 1 through 4 to AC 27-1. Likewise, AC 29-2B will include the updates and changes 1 through 3 to AC 29-2A.

**DATES:** Comments must identify Updates to AC 27-1, or Updates to AC 29-2A, and must be received by October 9, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to FAA, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, ASW-110, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0110.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathy Jones, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, ASW-110, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0110, telephone (817) 222-5359; facsimile (817) 222-5961.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the updates have been mailed to all known affected industry and government entities, both foreign and domestic. Any interested person not receiving these updates may obtain a copy by contacting the person named under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on these updates. Comments received may be inspected at the office of the Rotorcraft Standards Staff, FAA, 4th floor, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on August 22, 1996.

Mark R. Schilling,

*Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate,  
Aircraft Certification Service.*

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### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Air Carrier and General Aviation Maintenance Issues

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the FAA Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss Air Carrier and General Aviation Maintenance Issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 26, 1996, beginning at 1:00 p.m., and continue on September 27, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Arrange for presentations by September 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Air Transport Association of America, Suite 1100, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David B. Higginbotham, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-207), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3498; fax (202) 267-5075.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to § 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to be held on September 26, 1996, at the Air Transport Association of America, Suite 1100, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. The agenda will include:

- Opening remarks.
- Committee Administration.
- New business.
- A discussion of future meeting dates, locations, activities, and plans.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by September 16, 1996, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at

the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 5, 1996.

Chris A. Christie,

*Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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### Surface Transportation Board<sup>1</sup>

[STB Finance Docket No. 33007]

#### Laidlaw Transit, Inc., et al.—Control and Merger Exemption—National School Bus Service, Inc., Charterways Transportation Limited, Enterprise Transit Corp., and MCS Interstate, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of petition for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Laidlaw Transit, Inc. (Laidlaw Transit), a noncarrier, and its direct and indirect corporate affiliates (collectively petitioners)<sup>2</sup> seek an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 13541 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 14303(a)(1) and (a)(4) for Laidlaw Transit to acquire control of, and subsequently merge with, four motor carriers of passengers. Expedited action has been requested. **DATES:** Comments must be filed by September 26, 1996. Petitioners may file a reply by October 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of comments referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33007 to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Petitioners' Representative: Mark J. Andrews, Barnes & Thornburg, 1401 Eye

<sup>1</sup>The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995) (ICCTA), abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board) effective on January 1, 1996. This notice relates to a motor carrier passenger acquisition of control and merger transaction that is subject to Board jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. 13541 and 14303.

<sup>2</sup>Laidlaw Transit is a wholly owned subsidiary of Laidlaw Transportation, Inc., a noncarrier and wholly owned subsidiary of Laidlaw Investments Ltd., a noncarrier and a wholly owned subsidiary of Laidlaw Inc. (Laidlaw). A controlling interest in Laidlaw is held by Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CP Rail), a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian Pacific Limited, a publicly held noncarrier holding company. CP Rail operates as CP Rail System, a Class I rail carrier, on the lines of the former Soo Line Railroad Company.

Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Laidlaw Transit holds a 100% beneficial interest in the stock of two of the carriers it seeks to acquire: Enterprise Transit Corp. (ETC), a motor common carrier of passengers (MC-161299)<sup>3</sup>; and MCS Interstate, Inc. (MCSI), a motor common and contract carrier of passengers (MC-200701). The stock of ETC and MCSI is currently held in separate, independent voting trusts that are to terminate when this exemption is granted.<sup>4</sup>

Laidlaw Transit seeks to acquire control of the other two carriers, National School Bus Service, Inc. (NSBS) (MC-69623), and Charterways Transportation Limited (Charterways) (MC-102189), and has purchased more than 99% of the stock of their corporate parent, Scott's Hospitality Inc. (Scott), a noncarrier.<sup>5</sup> According to petitioners, NSBS primarily provides school transportation services within the United States and holds both interstate authority as a motor common and contract carrier of passengers in regular route service and charter and special operations and intrastate authorities to transport passengers in eight states. Charterways primarily provides school transportation services within Canada and holds interstate authority as a motor common carrier of passengers in regular route service and charter and special operations.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>3</sup>According to the records of the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Motor Carrier Records (FHWA), ETC's authority under this docket was revoked on April 26, 1996.

<sup>4</sup>Petitioners state that, as a CP Rail affiliate, Laidlaw Transit was barred from acquiring or becoming a regulated motor carrier unless the special rail-motor acquisition criteria of former 49 U.S.C. 11344(c) could be satisfied. Under the criteria, it had to be shown that the rail carrier could use the acquired motor carrier "to public advantage in its operations." Thus, the stock of ETC and MCS had to be held in separate, independent voting trusts because they primarily engaged in non-regulated school bus transportation and, as a consequence, Laidlaw Transit was unable to make the required showing. Because the intermodal acquisition restrictions of former 49 U.S.C. 11344(c) were repealed by the ICCTA, petitioners state that the proposed exemption will remove the final impediment to terminating the voting trusts.

<sup>5</sup>NSBS's stock is owned indirectly by a wholly owned subsidiary of Scott, and Charterways' stock is owned directly by Scott. Scott also has subsidiaries that are engaged in food services. The food service businesses are to be sold to third parties.

<sup>6</sup>According to petitioners, Charterways does not operate from, to, or within the United States. FHWA records indicate that the authority under this docket was revoked on September 1, 1995. Petitioners also

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