

business on August 20, 1998 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795 or other locally announced locations.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.250
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 299005 and for economic injury the number is 967000.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: November 20, 1997.

Aida Alvarez,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region III Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Region III Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Clarksburg, West Virginia, will hold a public meeting at 10:30 am-3:30 pm, on Thursday, December 4, 1997, at U.S. Small Business Administration, Charleston Branch Office, 4th Floor Conference Room, 405 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV, 25301 to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Ms. Jayne Armstrong, State Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 168 West Main Street, Clarksburg, WV, 26301, (304) 623-5631.

Gene Carlson,
Associate Administrator, Office of Communications & Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2655]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Determination Under the Arms Export Control Act

Pursuant to Section 654(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Acting Secretary of State has made a determination pursuant to Section 81 of the Arms Export Control Act and has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

Dated: November 19, 1997.

Thomas E. McNamara,
Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2659]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL); Study Group on Electronic Commerce Meeting Notice

The Department of Commerce and the Department of State's Advisory Committee Study Group on Electronic Commerce will cosponsor a meeting Monday, December 15 in Washington, DC, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Department of Commerce. The purpose of the meeting is to review international and national developments concerning computer-based signature and message integrity systems, and consider possible approaches to international rules and related domestic concerns. In particular, consideration will be given to meetings on these and related topics at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the OECD and other international bodies.

The Advisory Committee will also consider, where relevant, recent developments at the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), legislative initiatives by states within the U.S., and programs of various federal agencies.

Issues that may be reviewed by the Advisory Committee include, but are not limited to, prior U.S. views encouraging international bodies to examine all forms of electronic signatures, and to encompass both regulated/licensed systems as well as unregulated private sector systems; whether rules for signature systems should distinguish between commercial

and consumer transactions; possible rules on risk allocation, attribution and reliance; whether third party assurance providers, such as certifying authorities, should have to meet minimum levels of assurance; what role information security standards should play in this process; whether rules are needed on incorporation by reference; what types of rules for cross-certification between different countries are feasible; whether agreement should be sought on underlying rules for accreditation, and if so, in what international bodies, and other related issues. Jurisdictional issues will also be discussed as appropriate.

Participants may wish to review the recently completed UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce, available with a Guide to Enactment from U.N. document outlets as Doc. V.97-22269, May 1997, or from the Office of the Legal Adviser at the address below, which covers the legal effect and validity of computer messages in commercial transactions; functional equivalents of signatures, writing, etc.; attribution of messages; time and place where communications are deemed to have taken place, and other matters.

The meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room, and members of the public may participate subject to rulings of the Chair. The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce in Conference Room 5855; entry to the Commerce Department should be through the main entrance on 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues. Participants should register in advance since space may be limited. Please advise either the Office of Legal Adviser (L/PIL) at the State Department by calling Rosie Gonzales at (202) 776-8420 or by fax 776-8482, or e-mail at: pildb@his.com., or Brian Hengesbaugh at the Commerce Department, Office of Chief Counsel for International Commerce, (202) 482-4602 or fax (202) 482-4076, of your name and government agency identification, or affiliation and address, as well as telephone and fax number, and e-mail if available.

Members of the public who cannot attend are welcome to request available documentation and to comment in writing on this topic, including any recommendations for possible U.S. positions to be put forward at international meetings on electronic signatures. For documentation or additional information contact Harold Burman at the State Department Office indicated above. The mailing address is: Office of the Legal Adviser, Suite 355