

	Percent
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 304106 and for economic injury the number is 969600.

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

Dated: December 30, 1997.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2708]

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting regarding Government Activities on International Harmonization of Chemical Classification and Labeling Systems.

SUMMARY: This public meeting will provide an update on current activities related to international harmonization since the previous public meeting, conducted October 17, 1997 (See Department of State Public Notice 2608, on pages 51926-51927 of the **Federal Register** of October 3, 1997.) The meeting will also offer interested organizations and individuals the opportunity to provide information and views for consideration in the development of U.S. government policy positions. For more complete information on the harmonization process, please refer to State Department Public Notice 2526, pages 15951-15957 of the **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997.

The meeting will take place from 10 am until noon on January 23 in Room N3437 ABC, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. Attendees should use the entrance at C and Third Streets NW. To facilitate entry, please have a picture ID available and/or a U.S. government building pass if applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For further information or to submit written comments or information, please contact Mary Frances Lowe, U.S.

Department of State, OES/ENV, Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20520. Phone (202) 736-7111, fax (202) 647-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of State is announcing a public meeting of the interagency committee concerned with the international harmonization of chemical hazard classification and labeling systems (an effort often referred to as the "globally harmonized system" or GHS). The purpose of the meeting is to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on activities since the October 17, 1997, public meeting, a preview of key upcoming international meetings, and an opportunity to submit additional information and comments for consideration in developing U.S. government positions. Representatives of the following agencies participate in the interagency group: the Department of State, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Services.

The Agenda of the public meeting will include:

1. Introduction
2. Reports on recent international meetings
 - Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Mixtures Working Group, November 20-21, Ottawa, Canada. The working group conducted its first meeting and outlined a workplan for developing a review of existing classification systems for chemical mixtures.
 - Meeting of the Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems (CG/HCCS), November 24-26, 1997, in Ottawa, Canada. The agenda for this meeting included further consideration of the clarification of the scope of the GHS and of the appropriate institutional arrangements for updating and maintaining the system. Papers from the meeting on these subjects are available in the public docket, described below.
 - Meeting of the UN Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, December 8-18, in Geneva, Switzerland. The Subcommittee considered physical hazard classification criteria proposals.
3. Preparation for upcoming meetings.
 - Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and

Development Advisory Group on Harmonization. This meeting will focus on classification criteria proposals for health and environmental endpoints.

4. Public Comments.

5. Concluding Remarks.

Participants in the meeting may submit written comments as well as speak on topics relating to harmonization of chemical classification and labeling systems. All written comments will be placed in the public docket (OSHA docket H-022H). The docket is open from 10 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday, and is located at the Department of Labor, Room 2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. (Telephone: 202-219-7894; Fax: 202-219-5046). The public may also consult the docket to review previous **Federal Register** notices, comments received, a working "thought starter" document of the CG/HCCS on the scope of the harmonization effort, U.S. government and stakeholder comments on the "thought starter" scope clarification, Questions and Answers about the GHS, and a response to comments on the April 3 **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Robert J. Ford,

Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Policy, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2710]

Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad; Public Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces a meeting of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad on Friday, January 23, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the Loy Henderson room at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington D.C. The purpose of the meeting will be the presentation of an interim report, prepared by the Committee's sub-groups and including recommendations on religious persecution and conflict resolution, for adoption by the Advisory Committee and presentation to the Secretary of State. Because of the Secretary's rigorous schedule, it has not been possible to provide a full 15 day's advance notice of this meeting.

This meeting is open to members of the public up to the seating capacity of the room. Admittance to the State Department building is only by means

of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Cecil Grandy by fax at (202) 647-9519 or by telephone at (202) 647-1451. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance:

Any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID.

For further information contact Alexandra Arriaga, Executive Secretary of the Committee at (202) 647-1422.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

John Shattuck,

Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 collections of information was published in 62 FR 52180, October 6, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 12, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, K-25, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

Title: Domestic Cargo Transportation—Part 291.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2138-0023.

Affected Public: Certificated domestic all-cargo carriers.

Abstract: The Department of Transportation requires air carriers holding section 418 certificates, that do not submit Form 41 reports, to file Form 291-A, "Statement of Operations and Statistics Summary for Section 418 Operations" pursuant to 14 CFR 291.42. This form is used to monitor air-cargo activity carried on strictly all-cargo flights.

Needs and Uses: Form 291-A financial data are reviewed in connection with an air carrier's operations when concerns arise as to a carrier's financial condition as evidenced by reported losses and delinquency in payments to creditors. Data comparisons are made between current and past periods in order to assess the current financial positions. Financial trend lines are extended into the future to evaluate the continued viability of the carrier. When an all-cargo carrier wishes to extend its operation to passenger service, the carrier's prior Form 291-A filings are examined as a source document to help determine the carrier's financial condition. FAA's Safety Indicators Division is developing an integrated approach to exposure data (Form 291-A is a part of this data) in the aviation industry to support the Safety Indicators Program. FAA's National Safety Data Center is currently using Form 291-A in compiling annual year end flight hours, miles flown, and departures. Also, these activity data are used by the National Transportation Safety Board in determining the airline industry's annual safety indexes. Commercial all-cargo activity data are used by the FAA in estimating the excise tax paid by shoppers and held by the all-cargo air carriers. Although a precise tax figure cannot be computed from the Form 291-A reports (because some cargo movements are exempted from the excise tax), an estimation is possible for revenue budgeting purposes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of

the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 6, 1998.

Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Research, Engineering and Development (R, E&D) Advisory Committee

Pursuant to section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held on January 29-30, 1998 at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn Westpark Hotel, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

On Thursday, January 29 the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, January 30 the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. The planned meeting agenda includes the following. The Committee will discuss and vote on a follow-up report by the Subcommittee on Air Traffic Services regarding Flight 2000 as well as the report of the Subcommittee on Runway Incursions. FAA will provide follow-up responses regarding the Committee's "Report on the Status and Organization of Human Factors Within the FAA" and "Report of the NAS ATM Panel." FAA also will present its International Research and Development Program; Air Traffic Management Research and Development Action Team (ARDAT) Report; Global Analysis Information Network (GAIN); Safety Performance Analysis System (SPAS); and Flight 2000 Program.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. Persons wishing to attend the meeting or obtain information should contact Lee Olson at the Federal Aviation Administration, AAR-200, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591 (202) 267-7358.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time.