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Dated: January 30, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2719]

Delegation of Duties, Functions and Responsibilities Vested in the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

1. General Delegation

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. Section 2651a), I hereby delegate the duties, functions and responsibilities now or hereafter vested in the Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Ocean and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

2. Technical Provisions

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this delegation, the Secretary of State, or the Deputy Secretary of State, or an Under Secretary of State at any time may exercise any function delegated by this delegation.

(b) The duties, functions, and responsibilities delegated may be redelegated to another Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

(c) This delegation shall not include duties, functions, and responsibilities required by law to be exercised by higher authority than the delegate.

(d) This delegation does not repeal previous delegations to the Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

(e) This delegation shall terminate and cease to be effective upon the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs that takes place after the effective date of this delegation.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Madeleine K. Albright,

Secretary of State.

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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 (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 in FR 62 63214, November 26, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Walter Lockland, Chief, Division of Operations Support, Office of Ship Operations, Maritime Administration, MAR-613, Room 2123, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone (202) 366-5735 or fax (202) 366-3954. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Maritime Administration, DOT

Title: Position Reporting System for Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0025.

Form Number: CG-4796-A (MA) (Rev. 8-88).

Affected Public: U.S.-flag and U.S. citizen-owned vessels which are required to respond under current statute and regulation.

Abstract: This collection is used to gather information regarding the location of U.S.-flag and certain other U.S. citizen-owned vessels for the purpose of Search and Rescue in the saving of lives at sea; and for the marshaling of ships for national defense and safety purposes. This collection consists of vessels that transmit their positions electronically via radio message, and from this, location data is read into a database and is accessed only by the U.S. Coast Guard and

MARAD to determine the location of a particular ship.

Need and Use of the Information: The collection is necessary for maintaining a current plot of U.S.-flag and U.S.-owned vessels in order to facilitate immediate marshaling of ships for national defense purposes, and for the purpose of maintaining a current plot for Search and Rescue purposes for safety of life at sea.

Annual Burden: 3,328 hours.

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

OMB is required to make a decision concerning this collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives within 30 days of publication.

Specifically, address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

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Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-67]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Ch. I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's