

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33527]

Providence and Worcester Railroad Company—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Connecticut Central Railroad Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323, *et seq.*, Providence and Worcester's acquisition, via a stock exchange, and operation of Connecticut Central Railroad Company.

DATES: The exemption will be effective April 2, 1998. Petitions to stay must be filed by March 18, 1998. Petitions to reopen must be filed by March 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33527 must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative: James E. Howard, 90 Canal Street, Boston, MA 02114.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600 [TDD for the hearing impaired on (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call or pick up in person from DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Suite 210, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

Decided: February 23, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Customs Service****FBI Fingerprint Fee**

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the fee collected by Customs regarding the submission of fingerprints for those applying for certain positions or requesting various identification cards which necessitate a fingerprint records check, will be raised to a total of \$20.70 to offset the fee being charged Customs by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Porter, Customs Service, Trade Compliance, Broker Licensing, Room 5.2C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20229, Tel. (202) 927-0051.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is authorized to charge a fee for processing fingerprint identification records for non-law enforcement employment and licensing purposes. See, Note to 28 U.S.C. 534.

Customs has traditionally used the FBI fingerprinting services. The Customs Regulations were amended by T.D. 93-18 (58 FR 15770, dated March 24, 1993) to provide that Customs will charge a fee to recover the FBI fingerprinting costs, plus an additional 15% of that amount to cover Customs administrative processing. The authority for Customs to assess such a fee is 31 U.S.C. 9701. The port director advises those required to submit the fee of the correct amount.

The current user fee charged by the FBI is \$18.00. Accordingly, in this document, notice is hereby given that the fee charged by Customs will be raised to a total of \$20.70: \$18 representing the FBI portion of the fee, and \$2.70 representing the 15%

Customs charges to cover administrative processing.

Dated: February 25, 1998.

Lou Samenfink,*Acting Director, Trade Compliance.*

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY**Culturally Significant Objects Imported For Exhibition; Determinations**

Notice is hereby given of the following determination: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Degas at the Races" (See list¹), imported from aboard for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The National Gallery of Art from on or about April 12, 1998, through July 12, 1998, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 25, 1998.

Les Jin,*General Counsel.*

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¹ A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Carol Epstein, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-6981, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001