SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Georgia, (FEMA–1209–DR), dated March 11, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 1998


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Georgia, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of March 11, 1998:

Coffee, Crisp, Lee, and Mitchell Counties for Individual Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Lacy E. Suiter, Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA–1192–DR]

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (FEMA–1192–DR), dated December 8, 1997, and related determinations.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that in a letter dated March 3, 1998, the President amended the cost sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), in a letter to James L. Witt, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as follows:

I have determined that damage in certain areas of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CMNI), resulting from Super Typhoon Keith on November 2–3, 1997, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant special cost sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93–288, as amended ("the Stafford Act"). Therefore, I amend my previous declaration to authorize Federal funds for the Individual and Family Grant Program and the Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs at 90 percent of total eligible costs.

Please notify the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Federal Coordinating Officer of this amendment to my major disaster declaration.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

James L. Witt, Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA–1197–DR]

Tennessee; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.


EFFECTIVE DATE: March 6, 1998.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Tennessee, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of January 13, 1998:

Jefferson County for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)
FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Submission for OMB Review and Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the information collection requests abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The submissions to OMB request continued approval (extensions with no changes) for OMB No. 3072-0055 (Tariffs and Service Contracts), OMB No. 3072-0045 (Agreements), and OMB No. 3072-0001 (Admission to Practice). Previously, comments were solicited by notice published on December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67367-67368). The FMC did not receive any comments in response to that notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 22, 1998.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Send requests for copies of the current OMB clearances to: George D. Bowers, Director, Office of Information Resources Management, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20573, (Telephone: (202) 523-5834)


Abstract: Section 8 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. § 1707, requires common carriers and conferences of such common carriers to file with the Commission and keep open for public inspection, tariffs showing all rates, charges, classifications, rules and practices for transportation of cargo between the U.S. and foreign ports. Section 8(c) of the Act also provides for the filing of service contracts and statements of the contracts’ essential terms with the Commission. 46 CFR 514 establishes the requirements, format and user charges for the electronic publication, filing and retrieval of tariffs of carriers and terminal operators, as well as service contracts and their essential terms, covering the transportation of property performed by common carriers in the foreign commerce of the United States and by combinations of such common carriers, including through transportation offered in conjunction with one or more carriers not otherwise subject to the Shipping Act of 1984.

Needs and Uses: In order to effectively discharge its statutorily-assigned duties, the Commission uses filed tariff and service contract data for surveillance and investigatory purposes, and, in its proceedings, adjudicates related issues raised by private parties. Type of Respondent: Common carriers are persons who hold themselves out to the general public to provide transportation by water of cargo between the United States and a foreign country for compensation, who assume the responsibility for the transportation from origin to destination and use a vessel operating on the high seas or the Great Lakes between a U.S. port and a foreign country. Terminal operators are persons who carry on the business of furnishing wharfage, dock, warehouse or other terminal facilities in connection with common carriers operating in the U.S. foreign commerce.

Number of Annual Respondents: The Commission estimates an annual respondent universe of 3,267. This number varies as persons file tariffs. Estimated time per response: The average time for preparing and filing tariffs and service contracts is estimated at 122 person hours. Estimated time per respondent for recordkeeping requirements is estimated at 6 person hours.

Total Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the manhour burden to file foreign tariffs, service contracts and essential terms at 399,829; recordkeeping requirements are estimated at 12,080 person hours.


Abstract: The Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. § 1701 et seq., requires certain classes of agreements between and among ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators to be filed with the Commission, specifies the content of those agreements, and defines the Commission’s authorities and responsibilities in overseeing these agreements. 46 CFR 572 establishes the form and manner for filing agreements and for the underlying commercial data necessary to evaluate agreements.

Needs and Uses: Under its pre-effective review process, the Commission reviews agreements filings to determine statutory and regulatory compliance, as well as to assess their anti-competitive impact. After agreements become effective, the Commission monitors agreement activities to ensure continued statutory and regulatory compliance. To accomplish this, the Commission continually gathers, reviews, and interprets commercial data regarding the impact of agreements on competition, prices, and service in the U.S. foreign commerce.

Frequency: The Commission has no control over how frequently agreements are entered into; this is solely a matter between the negotiating parties. When parties do reach an agreement that falls under the jurisdiction of the 1984 Shipping Act, that agreement must be filed with the Commission. Ongoing surveillance of agreement activities is conducted through the review of minutes and quarterly monitoring reports filed by the more competitive agreements.

Type of Respondents: Parties that enter into agreements subject to the Commission’s oversight are ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators operating in the foreign oceanborne commerce of the United States.

Number of Annual Respondents: Potentially, there are 1,655 respondents. Over the last five years the Commission has averaged 358 agreement filings a year from an estimated potential universe of 764 regulated entities. Starting in mid-1996, certain agreements are required to file quarterly monitoring reports under these regulations. The number of annual respondents under this program will vary according to the number of agreements subject to the reporting obligation. Last year, 235 agreements were subject; they filed 940 monitoring reports.

Estimated Time Per Response: The time for preparing and filing an agreement can range anywhere from as little as three staff-hours to as much 150 staff-hours. The estimated average burden per respondent is 90 staff-hours. Time required for preparing monitoring reports varies according to the complexity of the filing obligation. Class C agreements have the least burden, and it is estimated to be about 20 staff-hours. Class A/B agreements require more specific data and hence a greater