

samples from 150 of the 1000 pups already authorized to be taken.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

(File Nos. 594-1467 and 914-1470): Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312);

(File No. 594-1467): Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978/281-9250); and

(File No. 772#69): Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

Dated: September 8, 1998.

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

“FEDERAL REGISTER” CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 63 F.R. 48199. PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 30, 1998.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission changed the meeting to discuss enforcement matters to Monday, September 28, 1998 at 3:00 p.m.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Proposed Implementation of the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD) for the DoD Freight Movements Program**

**AGENCY:** Military Traffic Management Command, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice (request for comments).

**SUMMARY:** The Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), as the Department of Defense (DoD) Traffic Manager for surface and surface intermodal traffic management services (DTR Vol 1, Pg 101-113), intends to utilize a new automated distance calculation product known as the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD) in the DoD freight program. The DTOD will replace existing distance calculation products used within the DoD, such as the Rand McNally TDM Milemaker System, and the Household Goods Carriers' Mileage Guide. The DTOD will become the DoD standard source for distance information worldwide. Commercially, DTOD is known as PC\*MILER by ALK Associates, Inc. The DTOD/PC\*MILER will be used by the DoD for all distance calculations, analysis, and for transportation payment/audits. Carriers and third party providers may continue to use other mileage sources for their own business purposes. However, carriers and third party providers participating in the DoD freight program must agree to be bound by the DTOD/PC\*MILER distance calculations for payment and audit purposes.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by November 16, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTTM-O, Room 108, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information concerning use of the DTOD in the MTMC Freight Movement Program can be obtained by contacting Mr. Ed Dickerson (703) 681-6870 or Ms. Patty Maloney (703) 681-6586. Information regarding DTOD complaint commercial software and other technical information can be provided by contacting ALK Associates, Inc. at 1-800-377-MILE, or on the Internet at [www.pcmiler.com](http://www.pcmiler.com).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. The proposed effective date for the use of the DTOD in the DoD freight movement program will be 1 March 1999 and will effect all MTMC sponsored freight traffic programs where

mileage is used for negotiation, analysis and/or payment purposes. All shipments picked up on or after the effective date will be governed by the DTOD.

2. In accordance with the implementation process the following MTMC rules publications will be amended to remove any reference to existing mileage guides or tables and replace them with DTOD with an effective date of 1 March 1999:

(a) Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) Freight Tariff Rules Publication No. 1A, Page 9, Item 5, Paragraph 2b.

(b) MTMC Freight Tariff Rules Publication No. 10, Page 12, Item 20 Paragraph 1b, 1f, and 1g.

(c) MTMC Guaranteed Traffic Rules Publication No. 50, Page 1-3, Item 15, Paragraph 1c.

(d) MTMC Freight Rules Publication No. 4A, Page 1-7, Item 50, Paragraph 1b.

(e) MTMC Standard Tender Instructions Publications 364A, Page 12, Item 200.

3. Where rates or other services are based on mileage, the distance or mileage computations shall be those provided in the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD). Mileage for freight shipments, except certain hazardous materials (HAZMAT), will be based on DTOD shortest distance. Mileage for munition shipments will be based on the DTOD HAZMAT Module and the mileage for overdimensional/overweight shipments will be based on DTOD practical mileage calculation. DTOD and PC\*MILER will produce identical distance calculations. Carriers and other parties who seek more information about PC\*MILER may contact ALK Associates, Inc. at telephone 1-800-377-MILE, or via internet at [www.pcmiler.com](http://www.pcmiler.com).

4. Proposed Implementation Dates: The schedule for use of the DTOD/PC\*MILER in distance calculation, payment, pre- and post-payment audits for shipments under the DoD freight movement program will be 1 March 1999.

5. Background. Currently, several sources for highway distance information are being used to support various DoD transportation programs, such as travel, travel entitlement reimbursement, freight and personal property movements. Moreover, separate products are used to calculate overseas distances. The result is a variance in distance computation produced by different products and a high cost to DoD of licensing and maintaining multiple mileage sources.

a. Until 1996, DoD was required by law to maintain an official mileage table for payment of travel and transportation allowances, known as the Official Table