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Acting Inspector General for Social Security.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2893]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) Study Group on Judgments Meeting Notice

There will be a public meeting of the Study Group on Judgments of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law on Friday, October 2, 1998, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM in Room 1105 of the main building of the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting is to review various legal issues related to the project of the Hague Conference on Private International Law to prepare by 2000 a multilateral convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters. The October 2 Study Group meeting and the advice provided by attending persons and organizations will assist the Department of State and the U.S. delegation to prepare for the November 10-20, 1998, third session of the Hague Conference's Special Commission that is charged with preparing a draft convention on this topic.

Specifically, at the November Special Commission session at The Hague will discuss and reach decisions on various proposals made by country delegations at previous meetings in June 1997 and March 1998. Such decisions will make it possible for the Special Commission and its drafting committee to prepare a first draft of the convention. The draft provisions prepared as a result of the November 1998 session will then be reviewed and refined at the fourth session of the Special Commission in June 1999. There will be a diplomatic session of the Hague Conference in 2000 to adopt the final text of the convention.

Among the issues on which at least preliminary decisions may be made in November are the scope of the

convention, excluded areas of law, required and prohibited bases of jurisdiction for actions in contract, tort and product liability, choice of court and exclusive bases of jurisdiction, the structure of the convention, forum non conveniens, lis pendens, provisional and protective measures, notification, irreconcilable decisions, recognition/enforcement procedures and the role of the court addressed, public policy exceptions to recognition and enforcement, uniform interpretation, and how the convention should operate in federal states.

Persons interested in attending the October 2 Study Group meeting may request the report on the March 1998 Special Commission session and the compilation that is in preparation by the Hague Conference's Permanent Bureau of delegation proposals for dealing with various issues, which will be the basic working document for the November session at The Hague. Requests for documents may be sent to Ms. Rosie Gonzales by fax at (202) 776-8482, by phone at (202) 776-8420 (you may leave your request, name, phone number and address on the answering machine) or by email to <pilddb@his.com>.

The Study Group meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. As access to the State Department building is controlled, any person wishing to attend should by no later than Wednesday, September 30 provide Ms. Gonzales with his or her name, Social Security number and birth date to facilitate admission to the building. It would also be helpful to include affiliation, address, fax and phone numbers, and email addresses for purposes of updating the Department's address list. Participants should be sure to use only the C Street ("diplomatic") entrance of the State Department, on C Street, N.W. between 21st and 23rd Streets, where someone will be present to assist them.

Those unable to attend but wishing to have their views considered may send their views to Ms. Gonzales at the above fax number or email address, or to the following address: L/PIL, Room 357 South Building, 2430 "E" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-2800.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 extension of a currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on July 1, 1998 (63 FR, 36010).

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rita Daguillard, Office of the Chief Counsel at (202) 366-1936 and refer to the OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Title: Charter Service Operations.

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

OMB Control Number: 2132-0543.

Form(s): N/A

Affected Public: State and local government, business or other-for-profit government institutions, and non-profit institutions).

Abstract: Section 5323(d) of the Federal Transit Laws (FT Laws) requires all applicants for financial assistance from FTA to enter into a charter bus agreement with the Secretary of Transportation (delegated to the Administrator of FTA in 49 CFR 1.51(a)). Section 5323(d) of the FT Laws provides protections for private intercity charter bus operators from unfair competition by FTA recipients. Section 5302(a)(7) of the FT Laws as interpreted by the Comptroller General permits FTA recipients, but does not state that recipients have a right, to provide charter bus service with FTA funded facilities and equipment only if it is incidental to the provision of mass transportation service. These statutory requirements have been implemented in FTA's charter regulation, 49 CFR part 604. 49 CFR 604.7 requires all