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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 99-04]

Shipco Transport, Inc. v. Inter-Maritime Container Lines, Inc., et al.; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint was filed by Shipco Transport, Inc. ("Complainant") against Respondents Inter-Maritime Container Lines, Inc., Inter-Maritime Container Lines Florida, Inc., Inter-Maritime Container Lines California, Inc., Inter-Maritime Container Lines Illinois, Inc., (collectively "Inter-Maritime Container Lines"), and Inter-Maritime Forwarding Company Illinois, Inc., Inter-Maritime Forwarding Company California, Inc., Inter-Maritime Forwarding Company Florida, Inc., and Inter-Maritime Forwarding Co., Inc. (collectively "Inter-Maritime Forwarding"). The complaint was served March 12, 1999.

Complainant alleges that Respondents Inter-Maritime Container Lines, as non-vessel operating common carriers and Respondents Inter-Maritime Forwarding, as freight forwarders, violated sections 10(a)(1) and (d)(1) of Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. §§ 1709(a)(1) and (d)(1), and moreover, that Respondents Inter-Maritime Forwarding violated 46 CFR 510.21(f) and 46 CFR 510.2(h)(11). Complainant alleges that Respondents Inter-Maritime Container Lines, from 1995 through 1998, contracted for Complainant to provide ocean transportation, knowingly and fraudulently misrepresented to Complainant that they would pay ocean freight and related charges, refused to remit payments, and induced Complainant to lose its lien on cargo by misrepresenting they would collect money from the underlying shippers and then refused to remit payment. Complainant alleges that Respondents Inter-Maritime Forwarding fraudulently received money as freight forwarder for Respondents Inter-Maritime Container Lines, knowingly and fraudulently misrepresented that they would collect money from shippers and then refused to remit payment, induced Complainant to lose its lien by misrepresenting that they would collect money from shippers and refused to remit payment as agreed to in their

capacity as licensed freight forwarders, and prepared false and fraudulent shipping documents.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in the proceeding shall be issued by March 13, 2000, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by July 11, 2000.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR Part 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

Ileana Mendigutia, 13722 S.W. 20 Street, Miami, FL 33175, Sole Proprietor

Susie Gonzalez, Inc. d/b/a Friends Cargo, Inc., 14530 Cedar Court, Miami Lakes, FL 33014; Officers: Susie Gonzalez, President, Jorge A. Gonzalez, Vice President.

Dated: March 15, 1999.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 12, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill III, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina, Inc.*, Columbia, South Carolina; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of The Exchange Bank of South Carolina, Kingstree, South Carolina.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Bank of DeSoto, N.A., Employee Stock Ownership Trust*, DeSoto, Texas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 28.99 percent of the voting shares of D Bancorp, Inc., DeSoto, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank of DeSoto, N.A., DeSoto, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 12, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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