

Based upon the foregoing, the Receiver has determined that the continued existence of such receiverships will serve no useful purpose. Consequently, notice is given that the receiverships will be terminated, as soon as practicable but no sooner than thirty (30) days after the date of this Notice.

If any person wishes to comment concerning the termination of the receivership, such comment must be made in writing and sent within thirty days of the date of this Notice to: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Division of Resolutions and Receiverships, Attention: Terminations Department, 1910 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, TX 75201.

No comments concerning the termination of this receivership will be considered which are not sent within this time frame.

Dated: April 15, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1269-DR]

Louisiana; Amendment No. 1 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 the State of Louisiana, (FEMA-1269-DR), dated April 9, 1999, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 12, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Louisiana is hereby amended to include Individual Assistance in 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 April 9, 1999:

Bossier Parish for Individual Assistance (already designated for Public Assistance).
Caddo Parish for Individual and Public Assistance.

Claiborne Parish 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.)

Lacy E. Suiter,

Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-3130-EM]

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Amendment No. 4 to Notice of an Emergency

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of an emergency for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, (FEMA-3130-EM), dated September 21, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective September 30, 1998.

(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.)

Robert J. Adamcik,

Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 202-011346-009

Title: Israel Trade Conference

Parties:

Farrell Lines Incorporated
Zim Israel Navigation Co., Ltd.
Synopsis: The proposed modification deletes any reference to loyalty contracts; provides for the right of independent action for freight forwarder compensation; permits conference members to enter into individual service contracts, to exchange information, and to implement voluntary service contract guidelines; and makes other administrative changes as well as restating the agreement. The parties have requested expedited review.

Dated: April 15, 1999.

By Order of the Federal Maritime
Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Fact Finding Investigation No. 23— Ocean Common Carrier Practices in the Transpacific Trades; Amended Order of Investigation

On September 21, 1998, pursuant to the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1701 *et seq.* ("Act"), the Federal Maritime Commission ("Commission") commenced this nonadjudicatory fact finding proceeding to investigate allegations that ocean common carriers in the eastbound Transpacific trades were engaging in activities that may be in violation of certain provisions of the Act. Commissioner Delmond J.H. Won was appointed as Investigative Officer and was authorized to hold hearings and to utilize compulsory processes, including subpoenas, to obtain relevant testimony and documents. Commissioner Won conducted an

expedited investigation and submitted a confidential Report and Recommendations ("Report") to the Commission on January 5, 1999.

A summary of Commissioner Won's Report was released to the public on March 12, 1999. Generally, as indicated by the summary, evidence cited in the Report corroborates allegations that carriers in the eastbound Transpacific trades, faced with shortages of space during the peak 1998 holiday shipping season, refused to carry low rated cargo at applicable rates, targeted the cargo of non-vessel-operating common carriers ("NVOCCs") for rate and space discrimination, and imposed significant and sudden increases in rates and charges. Among other things, the Report indicates that space was allocated in many instances on the basis of profit to the carrier; and that bookings were often rejected unless the shipper agreed to significantly increased rates or charges. Large, reliable contract shippers were said generally to have received preferential space allocations.

The Commission has determined to pursue certain of the Report's findings through further investigation and enforcement action under sections 8, 10 and 11 of the Act, as appropriate. To facilitate such further investigation, the Commission is continuing this proceeding to assist in developing additional evidence concerning the activities of ocean common carriers listed in Appendix A hereto during the period July 1, 1998 to November 1, 1998 in the eastbound Transpacific trades, and related to the following issues:

1. Refusing to provide vessel space or equipment to shippers under existing service contract rates;
2. Demanding or charging rates higher than those set forth in applicable tariffs or service contracts;
3. Subjecting any particular non-vessel-operating common carrier ("NVOCC") or NVOCC traffic generally, to any unreasonable refusal to deal, to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage, or to unjustly discriminatory rates or charges; and
4. Transporting cargo for, or soliciting service contracts from, individual members of shippers' associations at rates higher than those found in existing contracts of the applicable associations.

In addition, the Commission is designating Vern W. Hill, Director, Bureau of Enforcement, as the Investigative Officer for the continued phase of this proceeding. Mr. Hill will have all of the powers formerly delegated to Commissioner Delmond Won to pursue the issues set forth above.

Interested persons are invited and encouraged to contact the Investigative

Officer named herein, at (202) 523-5783 (Phone) or (202) 523-5785 (Fax), should they wish to provide testimony or evidence, or to contribute in any other manner to the development of a complete factual record in this proceeding.

Therefore, it is ordered, That pursuant to sections 8, 10, 11, 12 and 15 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1707, 1709, 1710, 1711 and 1714, and part 502, Subpart R of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 46 CFR 502.281, *et seq.*, this nonadjudicatory investigation into practices of ocean common carriers in the Transpacific trades is continued in order to develop the issues set forth above and to provide a basis for any subsequent regulatory, adjudicatory or injunctive action by the Commission.

It is further ordered, That the Investigative Officer shall be Vern W. Hill, Esq., Director, Bureau of Enforcement, of the Commission. The Investigative Officer shall be assisted by staff members as may be assigned by the Commission's Managing Director and shall have full authority to hold public or non-public sessions, to resort to all compulsory process authorized by law (including the issuance of subpoenas *ad testificandum* and *duces tecum*), to administer oaths, to require reports, and to perform such other duties as may be necessary in accordance with the laws of the United States and the regulations of the Commission;

It is further ordered, That the Investigative Officer shall issue a report of findings and recommendations no later than 180 days after publication of this Order in the Federal Register, and interim reports if it appears that more immediate Commission action is necessary, such reports to remain confidential unless and until the Commission provides otherwise;

It is further ordered, That this proceeding shall be discontinued upon acceptance of the final report of findings and recommendations by the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission; and

It is further ordered, That notice of this Order be published in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.
Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

Appendix A

Ocean Common Carriers
APL Co. PTE, Ltd. ("APL")
American President Lines, Ltd. ("APL")
A.P. Moller-Maersk Line ("Maersk")
COSCO Container Lines, Ltd. ("COSCO")
Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd.
("Evergreen")
Hanjin Shipping Co., Ltd. ("Hanjin")

Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie GmbH ("Hapag-Lloyd")
Hyundai Merchant Marine Co., Ltd.
("Hyundai")
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. ("K-Line")
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. ("MOL")
Nippon Yusen Kaisha ("NYK")
Orient Overseas Container Line, Inc.
("OOCL")
P&O Nedlloyd B.V. ("P&O Nedlloyd")
P&O Nedlloyd Ltd. ("P&O Nedlloyd")
Sea-Land Service, Inc. ("Sea-Land")
Yangming Marine Line ("Yangming")

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 99-05]

Anera and Its Members-Opting Out of Service Contracts; Order To Show Cause

On September 21, 1998, the Commission instituted Fact Finding Investigation No. 23—*Ocean Common Carrier Practices in the Trans-Pacific Trades*, for the purpose of conducting an inquiry into allegations that ocean common carriers in the eastbound Transpacific trades have engaged in activities in violation of the Shipping Act of 1984 ("1984 Act"), 46 U.S.C. app. 1701, *et seq.* 28 S.R.R. 445 (1998). The alleged violations included various forms of refusals to provide space for cargo during the 1998 peak holiday shipping season unless the shipper agreed to significantly increased rates or charges, and the widespread practice of allocating space on the basis of revenue or profit to be achieved by the carrier. The Commission's Order of Investigation ("Order") delegated authority to the Investigative Officer to hold hearings, and to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

As directed in the Order, the Investigative Officer issued a report and recommendations to the Commission on January 5, 1999. Included in that report were information and evidence concerning a practice engaged in by the Asia North America Eastbound Rate Agreement ("ANERA") and its members referred to as "opting out" of conference service contracts. This term is used to describe a method of participation in ANERA contracts whereby a participating carrier may charge a rate other than that agreed to by the shipper in the contract. Thus, the "opting out" carrier agrees to carry cargo under the contract, but "opts out" of the contract rates. As discussed below, the rates