

8. Pesticides

A. Point of Contact: Ms. Marcia Mulkey, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency.

B. Status: This TWG is trilateral, consisting of an Executive Board, a Secretariat, Technical Subcommittee and Project Teams. This TWG last met May 24–26, 1999 in San Antonio, Texas.

C. Issues Addressed to Date: 1. Completed four US/Canada joint reviews (three reduced risk pesticides and one pheromone); 2. Focused cooperative work to reevaluate and reregister older chemical pesticides on organophosphates, carbamates, and B2 carcinogens and agreed to share information on the associated tolerance reassessment process to minimize trade problems; 3. Developed clear categories to trade irritants and a procedure and priority scheme for their resolution; 4. Harmonized 17 environmental fate and toxicology protocols; 5. Completed a prototype ecoregion map that will lead to reduced data development costs for terrestrial field studies; 6. Coordinated development of field residue data among NAFTA countries to support registration of pesticides for minor crops; and 7. Developed stakeholder projects to promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies for canola and cranberries.

D. Future Work Plan: 1. Develop and implement strategic plan for communicating areas of pesticide regulatory harmonization; 2. Work with the Departments of Agriculture, growers, and industry to identify and prioritize registration needs in NAFTA countries to facilitate equal access to pesticides and avoid potential agricultural impediments to trade; 3. Investigate the impact of EPA's emergency use exemption program on Mexican/Canadian growers; 4. Complete the first trinational review of a pesticide (zoxamide) for use on grapes and potatoes; 5. Work cooperatively to reevaluate and reregister older chemical pesticides; 6. Work toward a harmonized approach to pesticide certification and training; 7. Share information and explore how NAFTA countries might work together on the evaluation and regulation of persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic substances and endocrine disrupting chemicals; and, 8. Increase interaction between the TWG on Pesticides and the US-Mexico Pesticide Information Exchange Program.

E. Meeting Schedule: The full TWG, which includes stakeholder participation, meets annually. The Executive Board meets formally two times per year. The TWG Executive

Board will meet in January 2000 in Mexico City. The full TWG will have its annual meeting in June 2000 in Ottawa.

Public Meeting

The public meeting date will take place Tuesday, September 21, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., USDA South Building (at the back of USDA cafeteria, 1st floor), 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

Written Comments

Those persons wishing to submit written comments should provide five (5) typed copies to John Payne, Director for SPS Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St., NW, Room 421; Washington, DC 20508. If the submission contains business confidential information, five copies of a confidential version must also be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and of each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Frederick L. Montgomery,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of The Secretary

[Docket No. OST-95-246]

North American Free Trade Agreement's Land Transportation Standards Subcommittee and Transportation Consultative Group: Annual Plenary Session

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice (1) announces the sixth joint annual plenary session of the North American Free Trade Agreement's (NAFTA) Land Transportation Standards Subcommittee (LTSS) and the Transportation Consultative Group (TCG) and other related meetings; and (2) invites representatives of non-governmental entities with an interest in land transportation issues to participate in a listening session immediately preceding the plenary meeting and to attend a briefing at a later date. Only U.S., Canadian, and Mexican government officials may attend the plenary and working group meetings.

Background

The Land Transportation Standards Subcommittee (LTSS) was established by the North American Free Trade Agreement's (NAFTA) Committee on Standards-Related Measures to examine the land transportation regulatory regimes in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and to seek to make certain standards more compatible. The Transportation Consultative Group (TCG) was formed by the three countries' departments of transportation to address non-standards-related issues that affect cross-border movements among the countries, but that are not included in the NAFTA's LTSS work program (Annex 913.5.a-1).

Meetings and Deadlines

The sixth joint annual LTSS/TCG plenary session will be held from October 25 to 28, 1999, at the Hilton Baltimore and Towers, 20 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. The following LTSS working groups will meet during the same week and at the same location: (1) Compliance and Driver and Vehicle Standards; (2) Vehicle Weights and Dimensions; and (3) Hazardous Materials Transportation Standards. Similarly, the following TCG working groups are expected to meet: (1) Cross-Border Operations and Facilitation; (2) Rail Safety and Economic Issues; (3) Automated Data Exchange; (4) Science and Technology; and (5) Maritime and Ports Policy.

Also at the same Baltimore site, on October 25, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., a listening session will be held for representatives of the truck, bus, and rail industries, transportation labor unions, brokers and shippers, chemical manufacturers, insurance industry, public safety advocates, and others who have notified us of their interest to attend and have submitted copies of their presentations, in English and

Spanish, to the address below by October 12, 1999. This is an opportunity for presenters to voice their concerns, provide technical information, and offer suggestions relevant to achieving greater standards compatibility and improving cross-border trade. While written statements may be of any length, oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes per presenter. After October 12, statements may be submitted for the record, and requests to present oral comments at the listening session will be accommodated only on a time-available basis.

Although participation in the LTSS and TCG plenary and working group meetings is limited to government officials only, representatives of non-governmental entities also are invited to take part in parallel topical discussions, visits to transport facilities, and a final briefing by the heads of the U.S., Canadian, and Mexican delegations to be held on October 28.

Hotel reservations may be arranged by calling the Hilton Baltimore and Towers directly at 1-800-445-8667 or 1-888-466-4644, by electronic mail at www.hilton.com. In order to ensure that they receive the special group rate for guest rooms, callers must identify themselves as delegates to the NAFTA LTSS Conference and make their reservations by September 20, 1999.

A briefing to report on the outcome of the Baltimore meetings will be conducted at DOT at the address below, in Room 3200-04, on November 30, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Interested parties may notify DOT of their interest to attend this briefing by calling (202) 366-2892 by November 26.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: LTSS-related documents, including past working group reports and statements received by DOT from industry associations, transportation labor unions, public safety advocates, and others are available for review in Docket No. OST-95-246, at the address below, Room PL-401, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., e.s.t., Monday through Friday, except national holidays. The Docket, which is updated periodically, may also be accessed electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Address and Phone Numbers

Individuals and organizations interested in participating in the listening session on October 25, 1999 must send notice of their interest and copies of their presentations by October 12 to Maria Lameiro, U.S. Department of Transportation, OST/X-20, Room 10300, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Respondents may also send information by fax at

(202) 366-7417. For additional information, call (202) 366-2892.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

Bernestine Allen,

Acting Director, Office of International Transportation and Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Reopening of the Public Comment Period Regarding the Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review; Anchorage International Airport, Anchorage, Alaska

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Alaskan Region of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces it has reopened the public comment period regarding the Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review, submitted under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 and 14 CFR Part 150, for Anchorage International Airport, Anchorage, Alaska to allow additional opportunity for public review and comment.

Interested agencies and persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the noise compatibility program.

DATES: In order to be considered, written comments must be received on or before October 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Ms. Patricia A. Sullivan, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, AAL-600, 222 West 7th Avenue, #14, Anchorage, Alaska, 99513.

Copies of the noise exposure maps, the FAA's evaluation of the maps, and the proposed noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 617 Washington, DC 20591.

Federal Aviation Administration, Alaskan Region, Airports Division, AAL-600, 222 West 7th Avenue, #14, Anchorage, Alaska 99513.

Maryellen Tuttell, Noise Program Manager, Anchorage International Airport, P.O. Box 196960, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6960.

Issued in Anchorage, Alaska on August 31, 1999.

Ronnie V. Simpson,

Manager, Airports Division, AAL-600, Alaskan Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at St. Cloud Regional Airport, St. Cloud, Minnesota

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at St. Cloud Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Minneapolis Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450-2706.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Brian D. Ryks, Airport Manager, of the City of St. Cloud at the following address: St. Cloud Regional Airport, 1550 45th Avenue SE, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56304-9535.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of St. Cloud under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert A. Huber, Assistant Manager, Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55450, telephone (612) 713-4357. The application may be viewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at St. Cloud Regional Airport under the