

treatment for the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and qualifying industrial zones (Proclamation 6955 of November 13, 1996 (61 FR 58761)). In particular, the President proclaimed modifications to general notes 3 and 8 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States: (a) To provide duty-free treatment to qualifying articles that are the product of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone and are entered in accordance with the provisions of section 9 of the IFTA Act; (b) to provide that articles of Israel may be treated as though they were articles directly shipped from Israel for the purposes of the United States—Israel Free Trade Area Agreement (“the Agreement”) even if shipped to the United States from the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or a qualifying industrial zone, if the articles otherwise meet the requirements of the Agreement; and (c) to provide that the cost or value of materials produced in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or a qualifying industrial zone may be included in the cost or value of materials produced in Israel under section 1(c)(i) of Annex 3 of the Agreement, and that the direct costs of processing operations performed in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or a qualifying industrial zone may be included in the direct costs of processing operations performed in Israel under section 1(c)(ii) of Annex 3 of the Agreement.

Section 9(e) of the IFTA Act defines a “qualifying industrial zone” as an area that “(1) encompasses portions of the territory of Israel and Jordan or Israel and Egypt; (2) has been designated by local authorities as an enclave where merchandise may enter without payment of duty or exercise taxes; and (3) has been specified by the President as a qualifying industrial zone.” In Proclamation 6955, the President delegated to the United States Trade Representative the authority to designate qualifying industrial zones.

On March 13, 1998 (63 FR 12572), I designated the Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone as a qualifying industrial zone under section 9 of the IFTA Act. Additionally, on March 19, 1999 (64 FR 13623), I designated the Gateway Projects Industrial Zone and the expanded Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone as qualifying industrial zones under section 9 of the IFTA Act.

In an agreement dated September 16, 1999, the Government of Israel and the Government of Jordan agreed to the creation of three additional qualifying industrial zones: the Al-Kerak Industrial Estate, the Ad-Dulayl Industrial Park, and the Al-Tajamout Industrial City. These zones encompass areas under the

customs control of the respective Governments. The Government of Israel and the Government of Jordan further agreed that merchandise may enter these areas without payment of duty or excise taxes. Accordingly, the Al-Kerak Industrial Estate, the Ad-Dulayl Industrial Park, and the Al-Tajamout Industrial City meet the criteria under paragraphs 9(e)(1) and (2) of the IFTA Act.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the President in Proclamation 6955, I hereby designate the Al-Kerak Industrial Estate, the Ad-Dulayl Industrial Park, and the Al-Tajamout Industrial City as qualifying industrial zones under section 9 of the IFTA Act, effective upon the date of publication of this notice, applicable to goods shipped from these qualifying industrial zones after such date.

Dated: October 8, 1999.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular 25.491-1, Taxi, Takeoff and Landing Roll Design Loads

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25.491-1, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed advisory circular (AC) which sets forth acceptable methods of compliance with 14 CFR 25.491 concerning taxi, takeoff and landing roll design loads. This notice is necessary to give all interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the proposed AC.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: James D. Haynes, Airframe and Cabin Safety Branch, ANM-115, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at the above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jan Thor, Standards Staff, at the address above, telephone (425) 227-2127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Commenters should identify AC 25.491-1 and submit comments, in duplicate, to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Transport Standards Staff before issuing the final AC. The proposed AC can be found and downloaded from the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/airhome.htm>, at the link titled “Draft AC’s.” A paper copy of the proposed AC may be obtained by contacting the person named above under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**.

Discussion

This proposed AC sets forth acceptable methods of compliance with the provisions of 14 CFR § 25.491 dealing with the certification requirements for taxi, takeoff and landing roll design loads. Guidance information is provided for showing compliance with that regulation relating to structural design for airplane operation on paved runways and taxiways normally used in commercial operation. Other methods of compliance with the requirements may be acceptable.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on October 7, 1999.

Donald L. Rigg,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, ANM-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 386X)]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Barnes County, ND

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon its line of railroad between BNSF milepost 69.05 and BNSF milepost 61.19, near Valley City, in Barnes County, ND, a total distance of 7.86 miles (line). The line

traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 58072.

BNSF has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on November 14, 1999, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 25, 1999. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 4, 1999, with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Sarah Whitley Bailiff, Esq., The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76131-2828. If the verified notice contains false

or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

BNSF has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 20, 1999. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by October 15, 2000, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Decided: October 6, 1999.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; Advisory Committee to the National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training; Renewal of Charter

AGENCY: Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Advisory Committee to the National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center will renew for a 2-year period beginning October 31, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hobart M. Henson, Director, National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training, Federal Law

Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, GA 31524, 912-267-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972, (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center announces the renewal of the Advisory Committee to the National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training. The primary purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide a forum for discussion and interchange between a broad cross-section of representatives for the law enforcement community and related training institutions on training issues and needs. Although FLETC representatives participate in the training committee activities of the major police membership associations, no forum exists which provides the broad representation required to meet the needs of the National Center. The uniqueness of the program requires an appropriately selected and specifically dedicated group. The Committee does not duplicate functions being performed within Treasury or elsewhere in the Federal Government.

Dated: October 7, 1999.

Hobart M. Henson,

Director, National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training.

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U.S. TRADE DEFICIT REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Hearing of the U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission

AGENCY: U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission:

Name: Murray Weidenbaum, Chairman of the U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission

The Commission is mandated to report to the Congress and the President on the causes, consequences, and solutions to the U.S. trade deficit. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss related labor and environment issues and trade in traditional manufacturing. There will be two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, for presentations by

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).