

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-Tajamouat 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-Tajamouat 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-Tajamouat 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.

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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