

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3432]

Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy; Meeting Notice

The Department of State is announcing the next meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. This is in place of the September 14, 2000 meeting that had to be postponed.

The Committee provides a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communication services, providers of such services, technology research and development, foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country interests.

There will be a featured guest speaker at the meeting who will speak on an important topic involving international communications and information policy.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2000, from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Room 1107 of the Main Building of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 "C" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the State Department Building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Timothy C. Finton at <fintontc@state.gov>. All attendees for this meeting must use the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency

ID. Non-U.S. Government attendees must be escorted by State Department personnel at all times when in the State Department building.

For further information, contact Timothy C. Finton, Executive Secretary of the Committee, at (202) 647-5385 or <fintontc@state.gov>.

Dated: October 3, 2000.

Timothy C. Finton,

Executive Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Determination Under the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative has determined that Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Panama have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act and, therefore, imports of eligible products from these countries qualify for the enhanced trade benefits provided under the Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Wilson, Director for Central America and the Caribbean, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-5190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Caribbean Basin Trade partnership Act (Title II of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-200) (CBTPA) expands the trade benefits available to Caribbean and Central American countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA). The CBTPA reduces or eliminates tariffs and eliminates quantitative restrictions on certain products that previously were not eligible for preferential treatment under the CBERA. The enhanced trade benefits provided by the CBTPA are available to imports of eligible products from countries that (1) are designated as "CBTPA beneficiary countries," and (2) have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, certain customs procedures, drawn from Chapter 5 of the North American Free Trade Agreement, that allow U.S.

Customs to verify the origin of the products.

On October 2, 2000, the President designated all 24 current beneficiaries under the CBERA as "CBTPA beneficiary countries." Proclamation 7351 delegated to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) the authority to determine whether the designated CBTPA beneficiary countries have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the CBTPA. The President directed the USTR to announce any such determinations in the **Federal Register** and to implement any such determinations in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS).

Based on information and commitments received from beneficiary countries to date, I have determined that Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Panama have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the CBTPA. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in the USTR by Proclamation 7351, the HTS is modified as provided in Proclamation 7351 and as specified in the Annex to this notice, effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after October 2, 2000. The USTR will publish additional notices in the **Federal Register** announcing any determinations that other CBTPA beneficiary countries have satisfied the required customs procedures.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

Annex

Pursuant to the authority created in Proclamation 7351, the HTS is modified as follows:

1(a). General note 17(a) to the HTS, as established by the annex to such Proclamation, is modified by inserting at the end of the text the following new sentence and enumeration:

"The following countries have been determined by the USTR to have satisfied the customs requirements of the CBTPA and, therefore, to be afforded the tariff treatment provided for in this note:

Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama"

(b). General note 17(d) to the HTS, as established by the annex to such Proclamation, is modified by striking "the date announced in a **Federal Register** notice issued by the United

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12)

States Trade Representative" and by inserting in lieu thereof "October 2, 2000."

2. The text of U.S. note 7 to subchapter II of chapter 98 of the HTS, as established by the annex to such Proclamation, is modified by inserting before it the paragraph designation "(b)". Such paragraph is modified by inserting at the end thereof the following new sentence and enumeration:

"The following countries have been determined by the USTR to have satisfied the customs requirements of the CBTPA and, therefore, to be afforded the tariff treatment provided for in this note:

Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama"

3. U.S. note 1 subchapter XX of chapter 98 of the HTS, as established by the annex to such Proclamation, is modified by adding at the end of the text of such note the following new sentence and enumeration:

"The following countries have been determined by the USTR to have satisfied the customs requirements of the CBTPA and, therefore, to be afforded the tariff treatment provided for in this note:

Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama"

4. U.S. note 2(b) and (c) are each modified by striking the expression "the date announced in a **Federal Register** notice issued by the United States Trade Representative" and by inserting in lieu thereof "October 2, 2000".

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations, this 30-day notice announces that the Information Collection Requirement (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment

period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on July 25, 2000 (65 FR 45825).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Dian Deal, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6133). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. No. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 C.F.R. Part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 C.F.R. 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On July 25, 2000, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. 65 FR 45825. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507 (b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); see also 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The revised requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: Regional Inspection Point Listing Forms.

OMB Control Number: 2130-New.

Type of Request: New collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): FRA F 6180.106(a)-(e).

Abstract: Through a direct comparison of inspection data with accident/incident data, the collection of information proposes to develop a profile county-by-county of what there is to inspect, and how much inspection activity was done by Federal and State railroad inspectors each year nationwide. The information collected will produce "snapshots" which will allow FRA to determine where the gaps are in inspection territories so that it can focus inspection resources where they will do the most good. As a result of the proposed information collection, FRA will be better able to equalize inspector workloads, and will be able to make informed hiring decisions regarding the most effective placement of new inspectors. More targeted inspections will permit FRA to maximize its limited resources, and will serve to enhance overall safety on the nation's rail system.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 3,387.

Addressee: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20503. Attention: FRA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on the following: Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FRA, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 3, 2000.

Kathy A. Weiner,

Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.

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