

harbor tours. Other area interests are powerboat harbor tours, ferry boats, or bare boats none of which will be competing for the same customer base. In my inquiries I have found no other crewed vessels in the area, which will compete, for the same clientele * * * My presence in this market area will not unduly adversely affect other commercial passenger vessels.”

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: “For over five years I searched intently for the vessel I would choose to charter. * * * I found that less than one percent of the yachts in the 50 ton category are U.S. manufactured, and of those which are supposedly U.S. manufactured many have the subcomponents including hulls manufactured in foreign countries and only the final assemble is done in the U.S. * * * The fact that no U.S. shipyard is manufacturing this vessel or a similar design with a deck salon would indicate that the presence of this vessel does not unduly adversely affect U.S. shipyards. * * * As a practicable matter this vessel, which was not available in the U.S., was delivered into the U.S. and commissioned entirely by U.S. labor in U.S. yards with U.S. purchased components, which amounted to about 1/6 the cost of the vessel. Every year thousands of dollars in yard work and slip fees are paid by this vessel to U.S. shipyards. This will continue for the life of the vessel as long as it is U.S. flagged. I can only view this as a positive impact to U.S. shipyards that otherwise would not have enjoyed any revenue from this vessel.”

Dated: May 3, 2001.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that RSPA will conduct a public meeting in preparation for the nineteenth session of the United Nation's Sub-Committee of Experts on

the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE) to be held July 2-6, 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland and the first session of the United Nation's Sub-Committee on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (Geneva, Switzerland—July 9-11, 2001).

DATES: June 19, 2001, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Room 6332-6336.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at DOT Headquarters, Nassif Building, Room 6332-6336, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Richard, Acting International Standards Coordinator, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-0656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting will be to prepare and discuss positions for the nineteenth session of the UNSCOE and the first session of the United Nation's Sub-Committee on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals. Topics to be covered during the public meeting will include (1) Global harmonization of classification criteria, (2) Criteria for Environmentally Hazardous Substances, (3) Intermodal requirements for the transport of solids in bulk containers, (4) Harmonized requirements for compressed gas cylinders, (5) Classification of individual substances, (6) Requirements for packagings used to transport hazardous materials, (7) Requirements for infectious substances, and (8) Hazard communication requirements. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Coast Guard's public meeting in preparation for the sixth session of the Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers Sub-Committee. This public meeting will be held from 1:00-3:30 pm on June 19, 2001 in Nassif Bldg. Room 6332-6336.

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

Documents

Copies of documents for the UNSCOE meeting may be obtained by downloading them from the United Nations Transport Division's web site at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/c3doc.html>. Information concerning UN dangerous goods meetings include agendas can be downloaded at <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/c3.html>. These sites may also be accessed through RSPA's Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/intstandards.htm>. RSPA's site provides information regarding the UNSCOE and

the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling for Chemicals, a summary of decisions taken at the 21st session of the UN Committee of Experts, meeting dates and a summary of the primary topics which are to be addressed in the 2001-2002 biennium.

Robert A. McGuire,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-20981]

Laidlaw Inc.—Continuance in Control—Victoria Tours Limited

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, Transportation.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: Laidlaw Inc. (Laidlaw), a noncarrier, filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for Laidlaw to continue in indirect control of Victoria Tours Limited (Victoria), upon Victoria's becoming a regulated motor passenger carrier. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8. The Board has tentatively approved the transaction, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

DATES: Comments must be filed by June 25, 2001. Applicant may file a reply by July 9, 2001. If no comments are filed by June 25, 2001, this notice is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-20981 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicant's representative: Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N Street, NW. (8th floor), Washington, DC 20036-1601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. (TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Laidlaw controls, either directly or indirectly, a family of motor passenger carriers, including Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound) (MC-1515). With the exception of Greyhound, which conducts mainly nationwide, scheduled, regular-route operations, the controlled carriers are engaged