

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Premanufacturer notices.

Dated: June 20, 2002.

**Mary Louise Hewlett,**

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

[CC Docket No. 92-237; DA 02-1487]

**Next Meeting of the North American Numbering Council**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On June 28, 2002, the Commission released a public notice announcing the July 17-18, 2002 meeting and agenda of the North American Numbering Council (NANC). The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware of the NANC's next meeting and its agenda.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Blue, Special Assistant to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (202) 418-1466 or *dblue@fcc.gov*. The address is: Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, The Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite 5-A420, Washington, DC 20554. The fax number is: (202) 418-2345. The TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Released:* June 28, 2002.

The North American Numbering Council (NANC) has scheduled a meeting to be held Wednesday July 17, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., and on Thursday, July 18, 2002, from 8:30 a.m., until 12 noon (if required). The meeting will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC.

This meeting is open to members of the general public. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many participants as possible. The public may submit written statements to the NANC, which must be received two business days before the meeting. In addition, oral statements at the meeting by parties or entities not represented on the NANC will be permitted to the extent time permits. Such statements will be limited to five minutes in length by any one

party or entity, and requests to make an oral statement must be received two business days before the meeting. Requests to make an oral statement or provide written comments to the NANC should be sent to Deborah Blue at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, stated above.

**Proposed Agenda—Wednesday, July 17, 2002**

1. Announcements and Recent News
2. Approve Minutes
- Meeting of May 21-22, 2002
3. Report of North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA)
- NANP Exhaust Results
- NPA Relief Planning Status Report
- CO Code Activity Report
- NRUF Update
- Update on Return Codes with Ported TNs
- Review of NANPA Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)
- Review of NANC Chairman letter to FCC re Change Management Administration contractor
4. Update on Selection of Next NANPA
- Issuance of Requirements Document
- Procurement Schedule
5. Report of NANP Expansion/Optimization IMG
6. Review of Oversight Working Groups
- Regular Report of NANPA Oversight Working Group (NOWG)
- Formation of Pooling Administrator Oversight Working Group (PAOWG)
- Rechartering NOWG
- Two WG's or one?
7. Status of Industry Numbering Committee activities
8. Report of the Local Number Portability Administration (LNPA) Working Group
- Wireless Number Portability Operations (WNPO) Subcommittee
- WNPO/CTIA: Status of meeting the Nov. 24, 2002 pooling and porting deadline
9. Report of National Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator
10. Report of NAPM LLC
11. Report from NBANC
- Status of next NBANC contract
12. Report of Cost Recovery Working Group
13. Report of E-Conferencing Subcommittee
14. Steering Committee
- Table of NANC Projects
15. Report of Steering Committee
16. Action Items
17. Public Participation (5 minutes each)
18. Other Business
- Adjourn (no later than 5:00 p.m.) Thursday, July 18, 2002 (if required)
19. Complete any unfinished Agenda Items
20. Other Business
- Adjourn (no later than 12:00 Noon)
- Next meeting: September 24-25, 2002.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Sanford S. Williams,**

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**FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD****Sunshine Act Meeting; Announcing an Open Meeting of the Board**

*Time and Date:* 10:00 a.m.,

Wednesday, July 10, 2002.

*Place:* Board Room, Second Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

*Status:* The entire meeting will be open to the public.

*Matters To Be Considered During Portions Open to the Public:*

- Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis Capital Plan
- Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Capital Plan
- Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka Capital Plan

*Contact Person for More Information:*

Elaine L. Baker, Secretary to the Board, (202) 408-2837.

**James L. Bothwell,**

*Managing Director.*

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION****Notice of Agreement(s) Filed**

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 940. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

*Agreement No.:* 011809.

*Title:* Tropical/Tecmarine Agreement.

*Parties:* Tropical Shipping & Construction Company, Ltd. Tecmarine Lines, Inc.

*Synopsis:* Under the proposed agreement, Tecmarine will refrain from competing with Tropical in the trade between the United States and the Guianas and the Eastern Caribbean. This agreement is in consideration of Tropical's purchase of certain Tecmarine assets and stock companies operating in the foregoing trading areas.

*Agreement No.:* 200063-023.

*Title:* NYSA-ILA Tonnage Assessment Agreement Assignment Agreement.

*Parties:* New York Shipping Association, Inc. International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO.

*Synopsis:* The amendment reduces certain assessment rates and classifies

uncontainerized bagged cocoa as an excepted cargo.

*Agreement No.:* 201113-001.

*Title:* Oakland/SSA Terminals, LLC Preferential Assignment Agreement.

*Parties:* Port of Oakland, SSA Terminals, LLC.

*Synopsis:* The amendment revises the delivery of certain portions of the leasehold, clarifies the improvements the port will install on the premises, and clarifies the repair and maintenance obligations of the parties. The amendment also amends the minimum annual guarantees and break point levels as well as revises the terms for the termination of other agreements.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: June 28, 2002.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Notice of Request for Additional Information

The Commission gives notice that it has requested that the parties to the below listed agreements provide additional information pursuant to section 6(d) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1701 *et seq.* The Commission has determined that further information is necessary to evaluate the agreements. This action prevents the agreements from becoming effective as originally scheduled.

*Agreement No.:* 011804.

*Title:* Eastern Car Liner/Fesco Ocean Management Ltd. Space Charter Agreement.

*Parties:* Eastern Car Liner, Ltd., Fesco Ocean Management Limited.

*Agreement No.:* 011807.

*Title:* SNL/HASCO Cross Space Charter and Sailing Agreement.

*Parties:* Sinotrans Container Line Co., Ltd., Shanghai Hai Hua Shipping Co., Ltd.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: June 28, 2002.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 98-14]

### Shipping Restrictions, Requirements and Practices of the People's Republic of China

**AGENCY:** Federal Maritime Commission.

**ACTION:** Further notice of inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** In connection with an ongoing inquiry, the Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC" or "Commission") is seeking comments from the shipping public specifically with regards to recently proposed implementing rules of the Government of the People's Republic of China which may have an adverse impact on U.S. shipping, and which may merit Commission attention under section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 or the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988.

**DATE:** Comments due on or before August 5, 2002.

**ADDRESS:** Send comments (original and 15 copies) to: Bryant L. VanBrakle, Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573-0001, (202) 523-5725, e-mail: [Secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:Secretary@fmc.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

David R. Miles, Acting General Counsel, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573-0001 (202) 523-5740.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This proceeding was initiated on August 12, 1998, to gather information regarding certain apparently restrictive laws, rules and regulations of the People's Republic of China ("PRC" or "China") with the issuance of Information Demand Orders and a Notice of Inquiry. The Commission is attempting to compile a record in order to determine if further Commission action under section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 or the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988 is warranted.<sup>1</sup> The Commission issued a

<sup>1</sup> Section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, 46 U.S.C. app. § 876, authorizes and directs the Commission, *inter alia*, to "make rules and regulations affecting shipping in the foreign trade not in conflict with law in order to adjust or meet general or special conditions unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade \* \* \* which arise out of or result from foreign laws, rules, or regulations or from competitive methods or practices employed by owners, operators, agents, or masters of vessels of a foreign country\* \* \*." The Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988, 46 U.S.C. app. § 1710a, authorizes the Commission to investigate whether any laws, rules, regulations, policies, or practices of foreign governments, or any practices of foreign carriers or other persons providing maritime or

Notice of Inquiry seeking information regarding the Regulations of the PRC on International Maritime Transportation (Regulations), promulgated on December 21, 2001 and effective January 1, 2002. 67 Fed. Reg. 11695-11696 (March 15, 2002). The Commission, in its effort to continue to monitor the issues identified in this proceeding, is now issuing this Further Notice of Inquiry.

Recently, the Ministry of Communications ("MOC") issued a "Notice on Inviting Comments on the Implementing Rules for the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on International Maritime Transportation" ("Notice") on June 21, 2002. This Notice, published on the MOC website (<http://www.moc.gov.cn>), together with the text of the proposed "Implementing Rules," both in English, solicits comments in writing (via fax or email) by July 15, 2002.

The Commission is concerned that the proposed Implementing Rules may have significant effects on the companies currently operating in the U.S.-China trade, as well as the Commission's continuing review of potentially restrictive practices of the PRC. Therefore, the Commission is now issuing this Further Notice of Inquiry. The Commission may also formulate further Information Demand Orders, as appropriate, to ensure it has the most accurate information with regard to these issues, and so that it may in turn determine whether any current Chinese laws, rules, regulations or practices merit the initiation of a proceeding under section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, or the Foreign Shipping Practices Act.

#### Discussion and Request for Comments

It appears that U.S. ocean transportation intermediaries, carriers and other transportation operators may face serious restrictions in obtaining the necessary licenses and permissions to do business in China. Indeed, it appears that wholly foreign-owned NVOCCs continue to be completely barred from engaging in a number of commercial activities, such as offering through transportation as an NVOCC. Other

maritime related services in a foreign country result in the existence of conditions that (1) adversely affect the operations of United States carriers in the United States oceanborne trade; and (2) do not exist for foreign carriers of that country in the United States under the laws of the United States or as a result of acts of United States carriers or other persons providing maritime or maritime-related services in the United States. If the Commission determines that such adverse conditions exist, it may take actions including limitations on sailings, suspension of tariffs, suspension of agreements, or fees not to exceed \$1,000,000 per voyage.