DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration

[DOcket No. FRA–2001–8622]

Notice of Public Hearing; Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company

The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), seeking approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of the traffic control system, on the single main track and sidings, between Spencer, Ohio, milepost 92.0 and Bellevue, Ohio, milepost 54.5, on the Hartland Subdivision, a distance of approximately 37.5 miles, and govern train movements by Track Warrant.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company has requested that FRA review its October 11, 2001 decision of denial. In an effort to clarify any previous misunderstandings, the FRA has conducted its own additional investigation and the FRA Railroad Safety Board made an on-site visit and high-rail trip over the application area on July 18, 2002. Notes of the visit, observations made during the trip, and additional information submitted by the railroad are contained in the public docket.

After reviewing the original and most recent proposals, the various field investigations, the previous related docket, and letters of protest, FRA has determined that a public hearing is necessary before a final decision is made on this application.

The purpose of this public hearing is to gather additional information from all interested parties and to explore all available options and concerns before a final decision is made. Parties should be aware that available options may include reaffirmation of the denial, approval, conditional approval, or approval in part and denial in part.

FRA is specifically interested in public comment regarding the following questions: Are there differences in risk exposure at different locations on the railroad? If so, what are they? Are any of the following options in the public interest and consistent with railroad safety?

- Retention or partial retention of the existing traffic control system;
- Conversion or partial conversion of the traffic control system to an automatic block signal system or;
- Use of alternate technologies known to provide some degree of broken rail protection.

Accordingly, a public hearing is hereby set for 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2002, in the Job and Family Services Building, located at 185 Shady Lane Drive, in Norwalk Ohio. Interested parties are invited to present oral statements at the hearing.

The hearing will be an informal one and will be conducted in accordance with Rule 25 of the FRA Rules of Practice (49 CFR Part 211.25), by a representative designated by the FRA.

The hearing will be a nonadversary proceeding and, therefore, there will be no cross-examination of persons presenting statements. The FRA representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing. After all initial statements have been completed, those persons wishing to make brief rebuttal statements will be given the opportunity to do so in the same order in which they made their initial statements. Additional procedures, if necessary for the conduct of the hearing, will be announced at the hearing.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 6, 2002.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety, Standards and Program Development.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Customs Service

[TD. 02–66]

Customs Accreditation of Intertek Testing Services as a Commercial Laboratory

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of accreditation of Intertek Testing Services of Sulfur, Louisiana, as a commercial laboratory.

SUMMARY: Intertek Testing Services of Sulfur, Louisiana has applied to U.S. Customs under Part 151.12 of the Customs Regulations for an extension of accreditation as a commercial laboratory to analyze petroleum products under Chapter 27 and Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Customs has determined that this company meets all of the requirements for accreditation as a commercial laboratory. Specifically, Intertek Testing Services has been
granted accreditation to perform the following test methods at their Sulfur, Louisiana site: (1) API Gravity by Hydrometer, ASTM D287; (2) Water and Sédiment in Crude Oils by Centrifuge, ASTM D4007; (3) Water in Crude Oil by Distillation, ASTM D4006; (4) Distillation of Petroleum Products, ASTM D68; (5) Salts in Crude Oil (Electrometric Method), ASTM D3230; (6) Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by Extraction, ASTM D473; and (7) Percent by Weight of Sulfur by Energy-Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence, ASTM D4294. Therefore, in accordance with Part 151.12 of the Customs Regulations, Intertek Testing Services of Sulfur, Louisiana is hereby accredited to analyze the products named above.

Location: Intertek Testing Services accredited site is located at: 2717 Maplewood Drive, Sulfur, Louisiana 70663.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 4, 2002.


Dated: November 4, 2002.

Ira S. Reese, Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Notice of Cancellation of Customs Broker License

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 641 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (19 U.S.C. 1641) and the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 111.51), the following Customs broker license is canceled with prejudice.

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Dated: November 4, 2002.

Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Annual User Fee for Customs Broker Permit and National Permit: General Notice

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of due date for Customs broker user fee.

SUMMARY: This is to advise Customs brokers that the annual fee of $125 that is assessed for each permit held by a broker whether it may be an individual, partnership, association or corporation, is due by January 21, 2003. This announcement is being published to comply with the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

DATES: Due date for payment of fee: January 21, 2003.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99–272) established that an annual user fee of $125 is to be assessed for each Customs broker permit and National permit held by an individual, partnership, association or corporation. This fee is set forth in the Customs Regulations in section 111.96 (19 CFR 111.96). Customs Regulations provide that this fee is payable for each calendar year in each broker district where the broker was issued a permit to do business by the due date which will be published in the Federal Register annually. Broker districts are defined in the General Notice published in the Federal Register, Volume 60, No. 187, September 27, 1995.

Section 1893 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99–514) provides that notices of the date on which the payment is due for each broker permit shall be published by the Secretary of the Treasury in the Federal Register by no later than 60 days before such due date.

This document notifies brokers that for 2003, the due date of the user fee is January 21, 2003. It is expected that the annual user fees for brokers for subsequent years will be due on or about the twentieth of January of each year.

Dated: November 1, 2002.

Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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