

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Public Notice 4198]****Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law: Study Group on International Transport Law: Meeting Notice**

There will be a public meeting of a Study Group of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law on Friday, December 13, 2002, to consider the draft instrument on the International Transport Law, under negotiation at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the offices of Holland & Knight, Suite 100, 2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the Study Group meeting is to assist the Departments of State and Transportation in preparing for the next session of the UNCITRAL Working Group on this draft instrument, to be held in New York from March 24 to April 4, 2003.

The draft text and the report of prior meetings of the UNCITRAL Working Group on this subject constitute the basic working documents of the UNCITRAL Working Group. These documents are available on UNCITRAL's web site, <http://www.uncitral.org>. (The documents are listed under Working Group III (Transportation).)

The Study Group meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. Persons who wish to have their views considered are encouraged to submit written comments in advance of the meeting. Comments should refer to Docket number MARAD-2001-11135. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20490-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of all documents entered into this docket is available on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending November 22, 2002**

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2002-13866.

Date Filed: November 18, 2002.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PSC/Reso/116 dated November 11, 2002, Expedited Resolutions r1-r14, Intended effective date: expedited 2 January 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2002-13873.

Date Filed: November 19, 2002.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC31 N&C/CIRC 0221 dated 15 November 2002, TC31 North and Central Pacific Areawide Expedited Resolution r1, PTC31 N&C/CIRC 0223 dated 15 November 2002, TC3-Central America, South America Expedited Resolutions r2-r6, Intended effective date: 1 January 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2002-13874.

Date Filed: November 19, 2002.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC31 N&C/CIRC 0222 dated 15 November 2002, TC3 (except Japan)-North America, Caribbean Expedited Resolutions r1-r10 (except between Malaysia and USA), Intended effective date: 1 January 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2002-13919.

Date Filed: November 22, 2002.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC COMP 0980 dated 22 November 2002, Mail Vote 253—Resolution 010j, TC3/TC23 Special Passenger Amending Resolution from Papua New Guinea, Intended effective date: 1 December 2002.

Docket Number: OST-2002-13920.

Date Filed: November 22, 2002.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC2 EUR 0484 dated 8 November 2002 r1-r32, PTC2 EUR 0485 dated 8 November 2002 r33-r39, PTC2 EUR 0487 dated 15 November 2002 r40-r50, Minutes—PTC2 EUR 0488 dated 15 November 2002, Tables—PTC2 EUR Fares 0070 dated 8 November 2002, Intended effective dates: 1 March, 1 April, 2 April 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2002-13921.

Date Filed: November 22, 2002.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC COMP 0978 dated 22 November 2002, Mail Vote 252—Resolution 010i, TC3/TC23 Special Passenger Amending Resolution from Korea (Dem. Rep. of) r1, Intended effective date: 1 December 2002.

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Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)****Denial of Motor Vehicle Defect Petition**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Denial of petition to upgrade and expand the scope of a defect investigation.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the reasons for the denial of a petition submitted by Mr. Clarence Ditlow, dated July 22, 2002, to NHTSA under 49 U.S.C. § 30162, which requested an ongoing investigation (SQ01-014) be upgraded to an Engineering Analysis to determine whether a safety defect trend exists in Model Year (MY) 1992-2001 Ford Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis, and Lincoln Town Car vehicles. The petition also requested that the scope of the investigation be broadened to include all subject vehicle fuel-fed crashes regardless of the direction of the impact and to include vehicle-to-object impacts. After reviewing the petition and other information, NHTSA has concluded that further expenditure of the agency's investigative resources on the issues raised by the petition does not appear to be warranted. The agency accordingly denies the petition.

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