

- Programme for change: ERP, HQ building Refurbishment
- Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
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- Technical Co-operation Fund—biennial allocation to support the ITCP Programme for 2006–2007
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- Report of the status of the Convention and membership of the Organization
- Report on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs functions

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Ms. Eleanor Thompson, Commandant (G-CJ), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 2114, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2246.

Dated: May 4, 2005.

Clay Diamond,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5025]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee—
Notice of Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday May 25, 2005, in room 3317, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 51st session of the Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for June 6–10, 2005, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

Items of principal interest on the agenda are:

- Routing of ships, ship reporting and related matters
- Revision of the performance standards for integrated navigation systems (INS) and integrated bridge systems (IBS)
- Review of the 2000 High Speed Craft (HSC) Code and amendment to the Dynamically Supported Craft (DSC) Code and the 1994 HSC Code
- Evaluation of the use of Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) and Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC) development
- Review of the offshore supply vessel (OSV) guidelines
- Review of the Special Purpose Ships (SPS) Code
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) matters, including Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group 8
- Passenger ship safety: Effective voyage planning for passenger ships
- Measures to enhance maritime security
- Worldwide radio navigation system (WWRNS)
- Casualty analysis
- Consideration of International Association of Classification Societies unified interpretations
- Revision of the performance standards for voyage data recorders (VDR) and simplified VDR (S-VDR)

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Edward J. LaRue, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard (G-MWV-2), Room 1407, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-0416.

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Clayton L. Diamond,

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

Identification of Countries That Deny Adequate Protection, or Market Access, for Intellectual Property Rights Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Trade Representative

(USTR) has submitted its annual report on the identification of those foreign countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to United States persons that rely upon intellectual property protection, and those foreign countries determined to be priority foreign countries, to the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the United States House of Representatives, pursuant to section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242).

DATES: This report was submitted on April 29, 2005 and is available on USTR's Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov>.

ADDRESSES: Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Choe Groves, Director for Intellectual Property at (202) 395-6864, or Stan McCoy, Assistant General Counsel, or Dan Mullaney, Associate General Counsel at (202) 395-7305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 182 of the Trade Act requires USTR to identify within 30 days of the publication of the National Trade Estimates Report all trading partners that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices that have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on the relevant U.S. products are to be identified as priority foreign countries, unless they are entering into good faith negotiations or are making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations to provide adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights. In identifying countries in this manner, the USTR is directed to take into account the history of intellectual property laws and practices of the foreign country, including any previous identifications as a priority foreign country, and the history of efforts of the United States, and the response of the foreign country, to achieve adequate and effective protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights. In making these determinations, the USTR must consult with the Register of Copyrights, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and other appropriate officials of the Federal Government, and take into account information from other sources such as information submitted by interested persons. The

Special 301 Report is available on USTR's Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov>.

On April 29, 2005, USTR identified 52 trading partners that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property or deny fair and equitable market access to United States artists and industries that rely upon intellectual property protection.

USTR announced the results of the out-of-cycle review for China, and stated that it is making a determination on China with multiple elements. First, USTR will work with U.S. industry and other stakeholders with an eye toward utilizing WTO procedures to bring China into compliance with its WTO TRIPS obligations, particularly those requiring transparency and a criminal IPR enforcement system with deterrent effect. Second, USTR will invoke the transparency provisions of the WTO TRIPS Agreement, which will require China to produce detailed documentation on certain aspects of IPR enforcement that affects U.S. rights under the TRIPS Agreement. Third, USTR is elevating China to the Priority Watch List on the basis of serious concerns about China's compliance with its WTO TRIPS obligations and commitments China made at the April 2004 meeting of the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade ("JCCT") to achieve a significant reduction in IPR infringement throughout China, and make progress in other areas. Fourth, USTR will maintain Section 306 monitoring of China's implementation of its 1992 and 1995 bilateral agreements with the United States (including additional commitments made in 1996). And finally, USTR will use the JCCT, including the IPR Working Group, to secure new, specific commitments concerning additional actions that China will take to significantly improve IPR protection and enforcement, particularly over the next quarter. China's fulfillment of these commitments will be a centerpiece of the 2005 JCCT.

In addition, USTR maintained Ukraine's designation as a Priority Foreign Country, and again designated Paraguay for Section 306 monitoring of its commitments under the 2004 Memorandum of Understanding.

USTR also announced the placement of 14 trading partners on the Priority Watch List: Argentina, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, Turkey, and Venezuela. In addition, USTR placed 36 trading partners on the Watch List: Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Dominican

Republic, Ecuador, European Union, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam. USTR will conduct out-of-cycle reviews of Ukraine, Russia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Canada, and Saudi Arabia.

Jennifer Choe Groves,

Director for Intellectual Property.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-646X]

Atlantic & Western Railway, L.P.— Abandonment Exemption—in Lee County, NC

Atlantic & Western Railway, L.P. (ATW), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 0.74-mile line of railroad extending from milepost 3.76 (V.S. 198+37) to milepost 4.50 (V.S. 237+47) in Jonesboro, Lee County, NC, constituting the easternmost portion of ATW's approximately 10-mile line between Cumnock and Jonesboro, NC. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 27330.

ATW has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 14, 2005, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by May 23, 2005. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 2, 2005, with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to ATW's representative: Andrew B. Kolesar III, Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

ATW has filed an environmental and historic report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 20, 2005. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), ATW shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by ATW's filing of a notice of consummation by May 13, 2006, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,200. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).