DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Hall of Ancient Egypt”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 958; 22 U.S.C. 2459j), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Hall of Ancient Egypt,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston, Texas, from on or about May 20, 2013, until on or about March 31, 2016, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202–632–6469). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: March 20, 2013.

J. Adam Ereli, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits; Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending March 23, 2013

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation’s Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 et seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions To Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.


Date Filed: March 19, 2013.

Agency: Office of the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Political Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Delegation of the Functions and Authorities of the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs to A. Elizabeth Jones

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as amended, I hereby delegate to A. Elizabeth Jones, to the extent authorized by law, all authorities vested in the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, including all authorities vested in the Secretary of State that have been or may be delegated or re-delegated to that Assistant Secretary. Any authorities covered by this delegation may also be exercised by the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Political Affairs.

This delegation of authority shall expire upon the entry upon duty of a subsequently-appointed Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the Federal Register.


John F. Kerry, Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Input Seeking to Charter Service with Foreign Air Carriers to the Caribbean and Latin America

A. Notice

Today, the Office of the Secretary (OST) published a Notice of Funding Availability for the Small Business Transportation Resource Center Program (78 FR 18328, March 22, 2013) which, among other things, provides for the submission of applications for grants to help improve small cities’ access to transportation services. This Notice extends the closing and award dates for the Notice of Funding Availability for the Small
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0097]

Pilot Program on NAFTA Trucking Provisions

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces information concerning the Pre-Authorization Safety Audit (PASA) for Transportes Mor SA de CV (USDOT# 555687) and Adriana De Leon Amaro (USDOT# 2117609), which applied to participate in the Agency’s long-haul pilot program to test and demonstrate the ability of Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to operate safely in the United States beyond the municipalities in the United States on the United States-Mexico international border or the commercial zones of such municipalities. These motor carriers did not successfully complete the PASA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcelo Perez, FMCSA, North American Borders Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 512–916–5440 Ext. 228; email marcelo.perez@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On May 25, 2007, the President signed into law the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (the Act), (Pub. L. 110–28, 121 Stat. 112, 183, May 25, 2007). Section 6901 of the Act requires that certain actions be taken by the United States (U.S.) Department of Transportation (DOT) as a condition of obligating or expending appropriated funds to grant authority to Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to operate beyond the border commercial zones of such municipalities (border commercial zones). On July 8, 2011, FMCSA announced in the Federal Register [76 FR 40420] its intent to proceed with the initiation of a United States-Mexico cross-border long-haul trucking pilot program to test and demonstrate the ability of Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to operate safely in the United States beyond the border commercial zones as detailed in the Agency’s April 13, 2011, Federal Register proposal [76 FR 20807]. The pilot program is a part of FMCSA’s implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) cross-border long-haul trucking provisions in compliance with section 6901(b)(2)(B) of the Act. FMCSA reviewed, assessed, and evaluated the required safety measures as noted in the July 8, 2011, notice and considered all comments received on or before May 13, 2011, in response to the April 13, 2011, notice. Additionally, to the extent practicable, FMCSA considered comments received after May 13, 2011.

In accordance with section 6901(b)(2)(B)(i) of the Act, FMCSA is required to publish comprehensive data and information on the PASAs conducted of motor carriers domiciled in Mexico that are granted authority to operate beyond the border commercial zones in the Federal Register to provide sufficient opportunity for public notice and comment. There is no requirement to provide information to the public on the motor carriers that failed the PASA, and, therefore, will not be granted authority to operate in the pilot program. However, FMCSA committed in previous notices to provide information on the motor carriers that did not pass the PASA.

The Mexico-domiciled motor carriers in Table 1 did not successfully complete the PASA.

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Issued in Washington, DC on March 29, 2013.

Brandon Neal,
Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.