

the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA address provided above.

Projects receiving Federal funds must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and Executive Order 12898 "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations." Federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, sex, or country of national origin in the implementation of this project. It is also Federal policy to identify and address any disproportionately high and adverse effects of federal projects on the health or environment of minority and low-income populations to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Dated: November 23, 2015.

**Johnny M. Gerbitz,**

*Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Madison, Wisconsin.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2012-0033]

#### Notice of Intent To Grant a Buy America Waiver To the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Use of Sure Close Self-Closing Force Adjustable Gate Hinges

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), United States Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant Buy America waiver.

**SUMMARY:** FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that it intends to grant the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) a waiver from FRA's Buy America requirement for the use of 250 Sure Close gate hinges, which are manufactured in Italy. FRA believes a waiver is appropriate because, despite IDOT's best efforts to develop a domestic source for these hinges, domestically-produced gate hinges for

pedestrian crossings meeting IDOT's safety specifications and schedule needs remain unavailable in the United States.

**DATES:** Written comments on FRA's determination to grant IDOT's Buy America waiver request should be provided to the FRA on or before December 7, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your comments by one of the following means, identifying your submissions by docket number FRA-2012-0033. All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters should follow the instructions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

(1) Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site;

(2) Fax: (202) 493-2251;

(3) Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M-30, Room W12-140, Washington, DC, 20590-0001; or

(4) Hand Delivery: Room W12-140 on the first floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must reference the "Federal Railroad Administration" and include docket number FRA-2012-0033. Due to security procedures in effect since October 2001, mail received through the U.S. Postal Service may be subject to delays. Parties making submissions responsive to this notice should consider using an express mail firm to ensure the prompt filing of any submissions not filed electronically or by hand. Note that all submissions received, including any personal information therein, will be posted without change or alteration to <http://www.regulations.gov>. For more information, you may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Johnson, Attorney-Advisor, FRA Office of Chief Counsel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-0078, [John.Johnson@dot.gov](mailto:John.Johnson@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

FRA is issuing this notice to advise the public that it intends to grant the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) a waiver from FRA's Buy

America requirement for the use of 250 Sure Close gate hinges, which are manufactured in Italy. Self-closing, force adjustable gate hinges are one component of the larger construction project to install pedestrian swing gates in connection with the Chicago-St. Louis High Speed Rail (HSR) corridor project. The Chicago-St. Louis HSR project is funded by a \$1.33 billion grant from FRA. The value of the 250 hinges is approximately \$79,000. FRA believes a waiver is appropriate under 49 U.S.C. 24405(a)(2)(B) because, despite IDOT's best efforts to develop a domestic source for these hinges, domestically-produced gate hinges for pedestrian crossings meeting IDOT's safety specifications and schedule needs remain unavailable in the United States.

The letter granting IDOT's request is quoted below:

John Oimoen  
Interim Director, Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation  
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 6-600  
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Request for Waiver of Buy America Requirement for Sure Close Gate Hinges  
Dear Mr. Oimoen:

This letter responds to your request, dated June 30, 2015, that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) a waiver from FRA's Buy America provision, at 49 U.S.C. 24405(a)(1), for one component of pedestrian swing gates IDOT needs to purchase using FRA grant monies. Specifically, your request is based on the Buy America provision (49 U.S.C. 24405(a)) applicable to FRA's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program grant (\$1.33 billion) to IDOT for the Chicago-St. Louis High Speed Rail (HSR) corridor. Your waiver request is for the remaining 250 of 600 Sure Close gate hinges needed for the project that D&D Technology, an Italian company, manufactures. In February 2015, FRA granted IDOT a waiver for the initial 350 gate hinges. Because the hinges are manufactured in Italy, IDOT needs a waiver from FRA's Buy America requirement. FRA is granting IDOT's waiver request for the additional 250 Sure Close gate hinges. FRA believes a waiver is again appropriate under 49 U.S.C. 24405(a)(2)(B) because, despite IDOT's best efforts to develop a domestic source for these hinges, domestically-produced gate hinges for pedestrian crossings meeting IDOT's safety specifications and schedule needs remain unavailable in the United States. IDOT needs the remaining 250 gate hinges for its project to remain on schedule.

FRA posted the new request for the 250 gate hinges on its Web site and received no comments. Under 49 U.S.C. 24405(a)(4), FRA is publishing notice of its decision to grant IDOT's waiver request in the **Federal Register** and provide notice of such finding

and an opportunity for public comment after which this waiver will become effective. Questions about this letter can be directed to, John Johnson, Attorney-Advisor, at [john.johnson@dot.gov](mailto:john.johnson@dot.gov) or (202)493-0078. Sincerely,  
Sarah Feinberg  
Acting Administrator

Issued in Washington, DC on November 23, 2015.

**Sarah L. Inderbitzin,**  
*Acting Chief Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Publication of a General License Related to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Sanctions Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice, Publication of a General License.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing a general license issued in the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin sanctions program.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 21, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control: Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480, Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202-622-4855, Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202-622-2490; or the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), Office of the General Counsel, tel.: 202-622-2410.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Electronic and Facsimile Availability**

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site ([www.treasury.gov/ofac](http://www.treasury.gov/ofac)). Certain general information pertaining to OFAC's sanctions programs also is available via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202-622-0077.

##### **Background**

Recently OFAC issued a general license authorizing certain transactions and activities otherwise prohibited by the sanctions programs OFAC administers. At the time of issuance of the general license, OFAC made that license available on its Web site ([www.treasury.gov/ofac](http://www.treasury.gov/ofac)). With this notice, OFAC is publishing the general

license in the **Federal Register**. The general license contained in this Notice relates to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 598.

#### **General License No. 1**

#### **Authorizing Certain Transactions and Activities To Liquidate and Wind Down Banco Continental, S.A.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities otherwise prohibited by the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 598, that are for the liquidation and wind down of the Honduran bank, Banco Continental, S.A., including transactions and activities related to the preparation and submission of bids to acquire the assets of Banco Continental, S.A., are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, December 12, 2015.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 598; or

(2) Any transactions or dealings otherwise prohibited by any Executive order or any other part of 31 CFR Chapter V, or any transactions or dealings with any individual or entity other than Banco Continental, S.A. that is listed on the Office of Foreign Assets Control's List of Specially Designated Nationals or Blocked Persons or that otherwise constitutes a person whose property and interests in property are blocked.

(c) U.S. persons participating in transactions authorized by this general license are required, within 10 business days after the liquidation and wind-down activities conclude, to file a report, including the parties involved, the type and scope of activities conducted, and the dates of the activities, with the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Licensing Division, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

Issued: October 21, 2015.

**John E. Smith,**

*Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of two individuals whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act) (21 U.S.C. 1901-1908, 8 U.S.C. 1182).

**DATES:** The designation by the Director of OFAC of the two individuals identified in this notice pursuant to section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act is effective on November 24, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Assistant Director, Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, Tel: (202) 622-2490.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Electronic and Facsimile Availability**

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's Web site at <http://www.treasury.gov/ofac> or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service at (202) 622-0077.

##### **Background**

The Kingpin Act became law on December 3, 1999. The Kingpin Act establishes a program targeting the activities of significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis. It provides a statutory framework for the imposition of sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis, with the objective of denying their businesses and agents access to the U.S. financial system and the benefits of trade and transactions involving U.S. companies and individuals.

The Kingpin Act blocks all property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, owned or controlled by significant foreign narcotics traffickers as identified by the President. In addition, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the