

and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Taylor Mauck, who may be reached at 202-485-7635 or at [PRABurdenComments@state.gov](mailto:PRABurdenComments@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

• *Title of Information Collection:* Nonimmigrant Treaty Trader/Investor Application.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0101.

• *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

• *Originating Office:* CA/VO/L/R.

• *Form Number:* DS-156E.

• *Respondents:* Non-Immigrant Visa Applicants.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 48,600.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 48,600.

• *Average Time per Response:* 4 Hours.

• *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 194,400 hours.

• *Frequency:* On Occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

• Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

Section 101(a)(15)(E) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E), includes provisions for the nonimmigrant classification of a national of a country with which the United States maintains an appropriate treaty of commerce and navigation who is coming to the United

States to: (i) Carry on substantial trade, including trade in services or technology, principally between the United States and the treaty country; or (ii) develop and direct the operations of an enterprise in which the national has invested, or is actively in the process of investing. Form DS-156E is completed by foreign nationals seeking nonimmigrant treaty trader/investor visas to the United States. The Department will use the DS-156E to elicit information necessary to determine a foreign national's visa eligibility.

**Methodology**

After completing Form DS-160, Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application, applicants will fill out the DS-156E online, print the form, and submit it in person or via mail.

Dated: April 29, 2016.

**Ed Ramotowski,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 9566]

**Notice of Public Meeting**

**ACTION:** The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1st, 2016, in Room 2N23-02, United States Coast Guard Headquarters, 2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20593-7213. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 103rd Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Legal Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, June 8-10, 2016.

The agenda items to be considered include:

—HNS Protocol, 2010

—Fair treatment of seafarers in the event of a maritime accident

—Provision of financial security in case of abandoned seafarers

—Technical cooperation activities related to maritime legislation

—Review of the status of conventions and other treaty instruments emanating from the Legal Committee

—Any other business, which may include liability and compensation for transboundary oil pollution arising from offshore exploration and exploitation.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building

security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Ms. Bronwyn Douglass, by email at [Bronwyn.douglass@uscg.mil](mailto:Bronwyn.douglass@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372-3793, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE., Stop 7213, Washington DC 20593-7509 not later than May 27, 2016. Requests made after May 27, 2016 might not be able to be accommodated, and same day requests will not be accommodated due to the building's security process. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to Coast Guard Headquarters. It is recommended that attendees arrive to the Headquarters building no later than 30 minutes ahead of the scheduled meeting for the security screening process. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and public transportation. Parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited and not guaranteed.

In the case of inclement weather where the Federal Government is closed or delayed, a public meeting may be conducted virtually by calling (202) 475-4000 or 1-855-475-2447, Participant code: 887 809 72. The meeting coordinator will confirm whether the virtual public meeting will be utilized. Members of the public can find out whether the Federal Government is delayed or closed by visiting [www.opm.gov/status/](http://www.opm.gov/status/). Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: [www.uscg.mil/imo](http://www.uscg.mil/imo).

Dated: May 10, 2016.

**Jonathan W. Burby,**

*Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 9568]

**Updated List of Goods and Services Produced by Independent Cuban Entrepreneurs Authorized for Importation**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

*Subagency:* Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice, publication of updated list of goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs authorized for importation into the United States.

**SUMMARY:** On April 22, 2016, the Department of State published on its Web site an updated list of goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs whose importation into the United States is authorized by the Department of the Treasury's Cuban Assets Control Regulations ("CACR"). This list updates the version of the list published on February 13, 2015. These changes allow for more engagement with Cuba's private sector through new business opportunities.

**DATES:** April 22, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation, tel.: 202-647-7489; Office of the Coordinator for Cuban Affairs, tel.: 202-647-9273, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520 (not toll-free numbers).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Availability**

This document and additional information concerning the List are available from the Department of State's Web site (<http://www.state.gov/e/eb/tfs/spi/cuba/515582/237471.htm>).

Additional information about the President's new course on Cuba is also on the Web site ([www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/cu/cuba/](http://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/cu/cuba/)).

**Background**

On January 16, 2015, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 2291, Jan. 16, 2015) amending the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (CACR), 31 CFR part 515, to implement the President's December 17, 2014, policy announcement on Cuba. Section 515.582 of the CACR was added to authorize persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction to engage in all transactions, including payments, necessary to import certain goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs as determined by the State Department as set forth on the State Department's Section 515.582 List. Empowering the Cuban people and Cuban civil society is central to the Administration's approach to Cuba, which seeks to create new opportunities for Cuba's nascent private sector. The State Department's Section 515.582 List was first published February 13, 2015 on its Web site and went into effect immediately upon publication.

On April 22, 2016, the State Department updated the Section 515.582 List, authorizing persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction to import coffee and additional textiles and textile articles produced by independent

Cuban entrepreneurs, in addition to the items previously authorized. The updated List also removes the requirement that imports of authorized goods need to be made directly from Cuba. These changes allow for more engagement with Cuba's private sector through new business opportunities.

The List published on the State Department's Web site on April 22, 2016, replaces in full the version of the List published on February 13, 2015. The List is as follows, and may be updated by the State Department periodically.

**U.S. Department of State**

**Section 515.582 List**

**Goods and Services Eligible for Importation**

In accordance with the policy changes announced by the President on December 17, 2014, to further engage and empower the Cuban people, Section 515.582 of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (31 CFR part 515—the CACR) authorizes the importation into the United States of certain goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs as determined by the State Department as set forth on the Section 515.582 List, below.

**Goods**

The goods whose import is authorized by Section 515.582 are goods produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs, as demonstrated by documentary evidence, that are imported into the United States, *except for* goods specified in the following sections/chapters of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS):

- Section I: Live Animals; Animal Products
    - All chapters
  - Section II: Vegetable Products
    - All chapters, except Chapter 9 heading 0901 (coffee)
- \*\*Please note that exporters will be required to prove that they have met all sanitary and phytosanitary standards, including food safety.*
- Section III: Animal or Vegetable Fats and Oils and their Cleavage Products; Prepared Edible Fats; Animal or Vegetable Waxes
    - All chapters
  - Section IV: Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages, Spirits, and Vinegar; Tobacco and Manufactured Tobacco Substitutes
    - All chapters
  - Section V: Mineral Products
    - All chapters
  - Section VI: Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries

- Chapters 28–32; 35–36, 38
- Section XV: Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal
  - Chapters 72–81
- Section XVI: Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment; Parts Thereof; Sound Recorders and Reproducers, Television Image and Sound Recorders and Reproducers, and Parts and Accessories of Such Articles
  - All chapters
- Section XVII: Vehicles, Aircraft, Vessels, and Associated Transportation Equipment
  - All chapters
- Section XIX: Arms and Ammunition; Parts and Accessories Thereof
  - All chapters

This list does not supersede or excuse compliance with any additional requirements in U.S. law or regulation, including the relevant duties as set forth on the HTS.

For travelers importing authorized goods into the United States pursuant to § 515.582 as accompanied baggage, the \$400 monetary limit set forth in § 515.560(c)(3) does not apply to such goods, but goods may be subject to applicable duties, fees, and taxes.

**Services**

The authorized services pursuant to 31 CFR 515.582 are services supplied by an independent Cuban entrepreneur in Cuba, as demonstrated by documentary evidence. Persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction engaging in import transactions involving services supplied by an independent Cuban entrepreneur pursuant to § 515.582 are required to obtain documentary evidence that demonstrates the entrepreneur's independent status, such as a copy of a license to be self-employed issued by the Cuban government or, in the case of an entity, evidence that demonstrates that the entrepreneur is a private entity that is not owned or controlled by the Cuban government. Supply of services must comply with other applicable state and federal laws.

**Note 1:** All payments in settlement of transactions authorized by § 515.582 should reference this section in order to avoid having them rejected.

**Note 2:** The authorization in § 515.582 of the CACR does not supersede or excuse compliance with U.S. laws or regulations or any other additional requirements.

**Note 3:** The Department of State, in consultation with other federal agencies, reserves the right to update this document periodically. Any subsequent updates will take effect when published on the Web page of the Bureau of Economic and Business

Affairs' Office of Sanctions Policy and Implementation (<http://www.state.gov/e/eb/tfs/spi>). Updates will also be published in the **Federal Register**. For further information, please contact the State Department at 202-647-7489.

**Note 4:** For provisions relating to recordkeeping and reports, see 31 CFR 501.601 and 501.602 and 19 CFR part 163.

With this notice, the Department of State is publishing its April 22, 2016, Section 515.582 List.

**Charles H. Rivkin,**  
*Assistant Secretary, Economic and Business Affairs.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 35995]

### **South Carolina Division of Public Railways d/b/a Palmetto Railways—Acquisition Exemption—Hampton & Branchville Railroad Company**

South Carolina Division of Public Railways d/b/a Palmetto Railways (Palmetto), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire three connecting line segments that constitute the entire rail line of Hampton & Branchville Railroad Company (H&B), a total distance of approximately 45.77 miles in Colleton and Hampton Counties, S.C. (H&B Line): (1) From a connection with CSX Transportation, Inc., at milepost 0.0 in Hampton to milepost 16.8 at H&B Junction, a distance of 16.8 miles; (2) from the end of track at milepost 462.37 in Lodge through H&B Junction and Stokes to the end of track at milepost 443.18 in Walterboro, a distance of 19.19 miles; and (3) from approximately milepost 447 at Stokes to the end of track at milepost 456.78 in Canadys, a distance of 9.78 miles.<sup>1</sup>

Palmetto has certified that the transaction does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier.

Palmetto states that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in Palmetto's

<sup>1</sup> Palmetto states that no rail service has been provided on the H&B Line since H&B's final customer ceased rail shipments in December 2012. Palmetto also states that the stub track between H&B Junction and Lodge has not been in service since 1986, and the stub track between Stokes and Walterboro has not been in service since 1989. According to Palmetto, certain trackage on both stubs has been removed, but neither segment has been abandoned.

becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier, but that its projected annual revenues will exceed \$5 million. Accordingly, Palmetto is required, at least 60 days before this exemption is to become effective, to send notice of the transaction to the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected line, post a copy of the notice at the workplace of the employees on the affected line, and certify to the Board that it has done so. 49 CFR 1150.42(e). Palmetto's verified notice, however, includes a request to waive that requirement. Palmetto states that H&B has not conducted any rail operations in more than three years and does not have any employees, other than its president. Palmetto asserts that providing the 60-day notice would serve no useful purpose because it is merely acquiring the Line to prevent abandonment. Palmetto's waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision.

Palmetto states that it expects to consummate the transaction on or after August 5, 2016.<sup>2</sup> The Board will establish in the decision on the waiver request the earliest date this transaction may be consummated.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than May 25, 2016.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35995, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at "[WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV)".

Decided: May 13, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Palmetto states that H&B and Palmetto have agreed upon the terms of an Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement providing for Palmetto's acquisition of all of H&B's right, title, and interest in the H&B Line. According to Palmetto, the Agreement will be fully executed after Palmetto receives the necessary state agency approvals. Palmetto states that it will concurrently execute a Loan and Security Agreement with Colleton County Intermodal Corporation (CCIC) and Colleton County providing for CCIC's financing of the acquisition transaction through the issuance of economic development revenue bonds.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Tammy Lowery,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Determination Regarding Waiver of Discriminatory Purchasing Requirements With Respect to Goods and Services of Ukraine**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Determination regarding waiver of discriminatory purchasing requirements under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

**DATES:** Effective May 18, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Pietan, Director of International Procurement Policy, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9646.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 11, 2015, the WTO Committee on Government Procurement approved the accession of Ukraine to the World Trade Organization ("WTO") Agreement on Government Procurement ("GPA"). Ukraine submitted its instrument of accession to the Secretary-General of the WTO on April 18, 2016. The GPA will enter into force for Ukraine on May 18, 2016. The United States, which is also a party to the GPA, has agreed to waive discriminatory purchasing requirements for eligible products and suppliers of Ukraine beginning on May 18, 2016. Section 1-201 of Executive Order 12260 of December 31, 1980 delegated the functions of the President under sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 ("the Trade Agreements Act") (19 U.S.C. 2511, 2512) to the United States Trade Representative.

Determination: In conformity with sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act, and in order to carry out U.S. obligations under the GPA, I hereby determine that:

1. Ukraine has become a party to the GPA and will provide appropriate reciprocal competitive government procurement opportunities to United States products and services and suppliers of such products and services. In accordance with section 301(b)(1) of the Trade Agreements Act, Ukraine is so designated for purposes of section 301(a) of the Trade Agreements Act.