Supplementary Information: By Public Notice (DA 19–274) dated and released April 10, 2019, the Commission announced renewal of the Committee’s charter now in its tenth term ending October 20, 2020. This renewal is necessary and in the public interest.

Proposed Agenda: At its June 3, 2019 meeting, the CAC is expected to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Committee and its members, issues that the Commission wishes the Committee to address, meeting schedules, and any other topics relevant to the CAC’s work. The CAC may also receive briefings from Commission staff on issues of interest to consumers.

This meeting is open to members of the general public. The FCC will accommodate as many participants as possible; however, admission will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will also provide audio and/or video coverage of the meeting over the internet from the FCC’s web page at: www.fcc.gov/live. Oral statements at the meeting by parties or entities not represented on the CAC will be permitted to the extent time permits, at the discretion of the CAC Chair and the DFO. Members of the public may submit comments to the CAC in the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at: www.fcc.gov/ecfs.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via email to: fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0350 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way for the FCC to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Please allow at least five days’ advance notice; last minute requests will not be possible to accommodate.

Gregory Haledjian,
Legal Advisor, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.

[F] RDoc. 2019–09668 Filed 5–9–19; 8:45 am]

BilIng Code 6712–01–P

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreements to the Secretary by email at Secretary@fmc.gov, or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within twelve days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register.Copies of agreements are available through the Commission’s website (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523–5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 201299.
Agreement Name: Sealand/GWF Reciprocal Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties: Maersk Line A/S DBA Sealand and Great White Fleet Liner Services Ltd.

Filing Party: Wayne Rohde; Cozen O’Connor.

Synopsis: The Agreement authorizes the parties to charter space to/from one another in the trade between the Atlantic Coast of Florida and the U.S. Gulf Coast on the one hand and ports in Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Panama on the other hand.

Proposed Effective Date: 6/15/2019.
Location: https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/22394.

Agreement No.: 201300.
Agreement Name: CMA CGM/Marfret Vessel Sharing Agreement Mediterranean—Caribbean/U.S. Gulf.

Parties: Compagnie Maritime Marfret S.A.S. and CMA CGM S.A.

Filing Party: Draughn Arbona; CMA CGM (America) LLC.

Synopsis: The Agreement authorizes CMA CGM and Marfret to cooperate on the provision of a weekly liner service in the Trade between Italy, France, Spain, the French Indies, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama and the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Proposed Effective Date: 5/6/2019.
Location: https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/22395.

Dated: May 7, 2019.

Rachel Dickon,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2019–09694 Filed 5–9–19; 8:45 am]

BilIng Code 6731–AA–P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Temporary Suspension of Dogs Entering the United States From Egypt

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces that, effective immediately, it is temporarily suspending the importation of dogs from Egypt. This includes dogs originating in Egypt that are imported from third-party countries if the dogs have been present in those countries for less than six months. CDC is taking this action in response to an increase of imported cases of rabies in dogs from Egypt. This action is needed to prevent the reintroduction of canine rabies virus variant (CRVV), which has been eliminated from the United States. This suspension will remain in place until appropriate veterinary controls have been established in Egypt to prevent the export of rabid dogs. CDC will coordinate with other federal agencies and entities as necessary to implement this action.

DATES: This notice is applicable May 10, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this notice contact: Ashley A. Altenburger, J.D., Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–H16–4, Atlanta, GA 30329.

For information regarding CDC operations related to this notice contact: Kendra Stauffer, D.V.M., Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–V–18–2, Atlanta, GA 30329. Either person may also be reached by telephone 404–498–1600 or email CDCAnimalImports@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background

Rabies, one of the deadliest zoonotic diseases, accounts for an estimated 59,000 human deaths globally each year—which equates to one human...
example of cases of rabies in dogs and prospects for elimination. (Page 116).

On January 29, 2019, a shipment of 26 dogs was imported from Egypt to the United States through Canada by a Kansas-based rescue organization. All 26 dogs were placed into foster care or adopted in the Kansas City metro area of Kansas and Missouri. On February 25, 2019, one of the imported dogs, after biting a veterinary technician and exhibiting signs of illness, tested positive for rabies. Testing performed at CDC revealed that the rabid dog was infected with CRVV. Molecular characterization of the rabies virus also determined that it was most similar to a clade (group of organisms with a common ancestor) found in Egypt. This laboratory testing confirms that the dog was infected in Egypt prior to arrival in the United States.

The importation of one rabid dog infected with CRVV risks the re-establishment of CRVV in the United States. CRVV has been highly successful at adapting to new host species, particularly wildlife. Importation of even one CRVV-infected dog could result in transmission to humans, transmission to other dogs, transmission to wildlife, and of particular concern, could result in sustained transmission in a susceptible animal population, thereby threatening our entire rabies public health priority. Globally, CRVV is responsible for 98% of the estimated 59,000 human rabies deaths worldwide each year (WHO, 2004 [Page 116]).


II. Public Health Rationale

A person usually becomes infected with rabies through the bite of a rabid animal. Once a person is bitten by a rabid animal, the virus enters the wound and travels through the nerves to the spinal cord and brain. It is also possible, but quite rare, for a person to become infected through infectious material from a rabid animal, such as saliva, contacting a person’s eyes, nose, mouth, or a wound. The incubation period for rabies is generally between 3–12 weeks, and during this time, the person may show no signs of illness. Once symptoms appear, the person typically dies within 1–2 weeks because rabies is almost 100% fatal in humans that are not treated before the onset of clinical signs. No treatment has been found to be routinely effective after clinical signs of disease begin. Investigations into potential exposures from the import of a rabid dog can be long, difficult and expensive.

The United States was declared CRVV free in 2007. The importation of just one dog infected with CRVV risks the re-introduction of the virus into the United States. CRVV has been highly successful at adapting to new host species, particularly wildlife. Importation of even one CRVV-infected dog could result in transmission to humans, transmission to other dogs, transmission to wildlife, and of particular concern, could result in sustained transmission in a susceptible animal population, thereby threatening our entire rabies public health priority.
public health infrastructure. While CDC estimates that each year 100,000 dogs are imported from various high-risk CRVV countries, since 2015, three rabid dogs have been imported into the United States, and all were from Egypt.

To date, CDC efforts to work with Egyptian officials have proven unsuccessful at identifying root causes of these importation events and at identifying satisfactory solutions to reduce the risk of exportation of CRVV from Egypt. Egyptian officials failed to respond to requests for information pertaining to actions taken to prevent further export of rabies-infected dogs. In order to protect the public from rabies risk when the paperwork used to import a rabies-infected dog is suspected or confirmed to be fraudulent, good public health practice warrants appropriate follow-up that entails investigation of the responsible veterinarian or organization and possible revocation of license if fraud is proven. Egyptian officials have thus far not provided information as to whether this type of investigation and response have occurred. Similarly, in instances of suspected vaccination failures, appropriate follow-up by Egyptian officials to protect public health should include investigation of vaccine quality, the distribution chain, cold-chain maintenance, and inoculation methods. Egyptian officials, contrary to International Health Regulations and responsibilities, have thus far not provided information as to whether an investigation into the quality and management of animal rabies vaccine stocks was performed.

On March 6, 2019, CDC notified the World Health Organization (WHO) of a possible Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) under the International Health Regulations. In order to notify an event as a PHEIC, CDC must assess the public health impact to be serious. CDC assesses these importations to be serious because rabies has a high potential to cause an epidemic, where indication of treatment failure, and the importations represent a significant public health risk even if very few human cases are identified.

The worst-case outcomes for an importation of a rabid dog would include (1) transmission of CRVV to an unaware person because rabies is usually fatal once persons become symptomatic or (2) unrecognized spread to other wildlife species with subsequent, and possibly sustained, transmission in the United States.

The cost of re-introduction of CRVV could be especially high if CRVV spreads to other species of U.S. wildlife. A re-introduction of CRVV into the United States would require costly efforts over a number of years to eliminate the virus. A previous campaign to eliminate domestic dog-coyote rabies virus variant jointly with gray fox (Texas fox) rabies variant in Texas over the period from 1995 through 2003 cost an undiscounted $34 million or $32 million in 2019 U.S. dollars. The costs to contain any reintroduction of CRVV would depend on how much time passed before the reintroduction was realized, the wildlife species in which CRVV was transmitted, and the geographic area over which reintroduction occurs. The above estimate is limited to the cost of rabies vaccination programs for targeted wildlife and does not include the costs to administer post-exposure prophylaxis to any persons exposed after the reintroduction has been identified.

Even under the best-case scenario in which a dog with CRVV is imported, but quickly identified, costs would be incurred for the public health response to provide post exposure prophylaxis for exposed persons and monitor exposed animals. The HHS/CDC Poxvirus and Rabies Branch estimates that each importation could require an intensive public health response comprising of 800 staff-hours. In addition, HHS/CDC estimates that each rabid dog importation event would result in approximately 15.5 human exposures. Each human exposure would be expected to require post-exposure prophylaxis to ensure that people do not develop rabies, which is usually fatal once symptoms appear. Rabies post-exposure prophylaxis includes one dose of rabies immune globulin plus four doses of rabies vaccine. The total cost including office visits was estimated at about $8,500 per exposed individual, although actual costs would depend on where a person receives post exposure prophylaxis.

An imported dog with CRVV may also expose other animals. HHS/CDC’s Poxvirus and Rabies Branch estimates that approximately 29.6 animals would be exposed for each imported dog with CRVV and that the average cost per exposed animal would be $1,000.

The total cost per event (Table 1) including public health response, human exposures, and animal exposures is estimated at slightly less than $214,000. Lower bound and upper bound estimates were calculated by multiplying by 80% and 120% since the public health response time, persons and animals exposed may vary considerably for any given importation of a dog with CRVV. The estimated range in costs is from $171,000 to $257,000.

IV. Authority and Operations

Under 42 CFR 71.51, HHS/CDC requires each imported dog from a country with a high risk of CRVV to appear healthy and be accompanied by a valid rabies vaccination certificate indicating that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies prior to entry into the United States. The exception to this requirement is for dogs imported for scientific research purposes when rabies vaccination would interfere with the purpose of the research. Additionally, under 42 CFR 71.63, the CDC Director may temporarily suspend the entry of animals, articles, or things from designated foreign countries and places into the United States when the Director has determined there exists in a foreign country a communicable disease that would threaten the public health of the United States and the entry of imports from that country would increase the risk that the communicable disease may be introduced. Under 42 CFR 71.51(e), the CDC Director may also exclude dogs coming into the United States from areas determined to have high rates of rabies.

CDC has identified countries and political units that are considered high risk for importing CRVV into the United States. Egypt has been identified as one such country. Therefore, under 42 CFR 71.51, any dogs coming from Egypt must be accompanied by valid rabies vaccine certificates to enter the United States. All of the dogs in the January 29, 2019 shipment entered with what appeared to be valid rabies certificates, suggesting a systemic failure of the rabies vaccination system in Egypt.

In light of these repeated rabid dog importations, CDC has determined that until appropriate veterinary controls are in place in Egypt, a rabies vaccination certificate is not sufficient to protect U.S. public health against rabid dogs being imported from Egypt. For this reason, under 42 CFR 71.63 and 42 CFR 71.51(e), CDC is exercising its authority to temporarily suspend entry of imported dogs from Egypt, including dogs from Egypt that are imported by way of third-party countries if the dogs have been present in the third-party country for less than six months. Six months is the upper range of the incubation period for rabies in dogs. Thus, vaccinated dogs that have been present in a third-party country for more than six months may be safely imported into the United States, assuming all other CDC requirements are met. CDC will continue this suspension until appropriate veterinary safeguards to prevent the importation of canine rabies from Egypt have been established. CDC will also review this suspension on a periodic basis to ensure that it does not remain in place longer than is necessary to protect U.S. public health.

V. Advance Written Approval

The provisions of this notice do not apply if advance written approval from the CDC has been obtained to import a
dog from Egypt, including a dog from Egypt that is being imported from a third-party country. Such approvals will be granted on a limited and case-by-case basis and at CDC’s discretion.

Individuals seeking to import a dog from Egypt must submit the Application for a Permit to Import a Dog from Egypt, including dogs from Egypt, until further notice, the importation of any dog from Egypt, including dogs from Egypt that are imported from third-party countries if the dogs have been present in those countries for less than six months. This notice will become effective on May 10, 2019, and will be in place subject to periodic review by the CDC until appropriate safeguards to prevent importation of CRVV from Egypt have been established.

Dated: May 6, 2019.
Sandra Cashman, Executive Secretary, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
[FR Doc. 2019–09064 Filed 5–9–19; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4163–18–P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Case Studies (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation; Administration for Children and Families; HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) is proposing a data collection activity as part of the State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Case Studies project. This study seeks to document innovative employment and training programs for low-income individuals and families to wraparound services. Over a three-year period, the study will conduct up to 12 comprehensive qualitative case studies and up to 20 profiles of innovative programs to showcase promising approaches.

DATES: Comments due within 60 days of publication. In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESS: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by emailing OPRESinfoCollection@acf.hhs.gov. Alternatively, copies can also be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201. Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests, emailed or written, should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The State TANF Case Studies project will involve several phases including: (1) Identifying innovative programs through a scan of the field and engagement with stakeholders; (2) visiting up to 12 selected programs to collect detailed information and produce comprehensive case studies of these programs to enhance policymakers’ and other stakeholders’ understanding of promising programs helping low-income individuals to succeed in the labor force; and (3) gathering information through telephone interviews to produce up to 20 shorter case studies. The proposed information collection activities are: (1) Semi-structured interviews with program and partner administrators and frontline staff; (2) in-depth interviews with participants to better inform and enhance understanding of client experiences and perspectives; (3) a guided case review with frontline staff to capture information about client characteristics as well as intensity, frequency, duration, and sequencing of services; and (4) an observation of program services, such as case management sessions, intakes and referrals, services delivered in a classroom setting, and work sites. The study will take place over a three-year period.

Respondents: Respondents include program administrators, frontline program staff, and program participants. Program administrators include staff who administer and supervise the case study program under review; TANF and employment and training programs; child care and other wraparound supports; and other workforce programs and partners such as community colleges, adult basic education providers, and employers; and state decision makers, as appropriate. Frontline program staff include intake workers, case managers, job developers, and other direct service providers who work at TANF agencies and American Job Centers, employment and training providers such as community colleges, and providers of wraparound supports, such as child care subsidy frontline staff. TANF and other low-income program participants will also be respondents. All participants will be able to opt out of participating in the data collection activities.

VI. Terms of This Notice

Pursuant to 42 CFR 71.63 and 42 CFR 71.51(e), HHS/CDC hereby suspends, until further notice, the importation of any dog from Egypt, including dogs from Egypt that are imported from third-