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Dated: January 28, 2004.

Bradley A. Smith,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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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 can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC, offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 940. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 010979-039.

Title: Caribbean Shipowners Association.

Parties: Bernuth Lines, Ltd.; CMA CGM, S.A.; Crowley Liner Services, Inc.; Interline Connection, N.V.; Lykes Lines Limited; Seaboard Marine Ltd.; Seafreight Line, Ltd.; Sea Star Line, LLC; TMM Lines, LLC; Tropical Shipping and Construction Co., Ltd.; and Zim-American Israeli Shipping Co., Inc.

Synopsis: The amendment removes A.P. Moller Maersk as a party to the agreement and realigns several parties' participation in the geographical sections of the agreement.

Agreement No.: 011528-024.

Title: Japan/United States Eastbound Freight Conference.

Parties: A.P. Moller-Maersk Sealand; American President Lines, Ltd.; Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie GmbH; Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.; Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.; Nippon Yusen Kaisha; Orient Overseas Container Line Limited; P&O Nedlloyd B.V.; P&O Nedlloyd Limited; and Wallenius Wilhelmsen Lines AS.

Synopsis: The amendment extends the suspension of the agreement through July 31, 2004.

Agreement No.: 011830-002.

Title: Indamex/APL Agreement.

Parties: Contship Containerlines; CMA CGM, S.A.; The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.; APL Co. Pte Ltd.; and American President Lines, Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed agreement modification reflects the redeployment of tonnage to be used under the agreement.

Agreement No.: 011852-003.

Title: Maritime Security Discussion Agreement.

Parties: American President Lines, Ltd.; APL Co. PTE Ltd.; APM Terminals North America, Inc.; CMA-CGM (America) Inc.; COSCO Container Lines Company, Ltd.; Evergreen Marine Corporation; Hanjin Shipping Company, Ltd.; Hapag Lloyd Container Linie GmbH; Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd.; A.P. Moller Maersk Sealand; Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.; Nippon Yusen Kaisha; Yang Ming Transport Corp.; Zim Israel Navigation Co., Ltd.; Ceres Terminals, Inc.; Cooper/T. Smith Stevedoring Co., Inc.; Eagle Marine Services Ltd.; Global Terminal & Container Services, Inc.; Howland Hook Container Terminal, Inc.; Husky Terminal & Stevedoring, Inc.; International Shipping Agency; International Transportation Service, Inc.; Long Beach Container Terminal, Inc.; Maersk Pacific Ltd.; Maher Terminals, Inc.; Marine Terminals Corp.; Maryland Port Administration; Massachusetts Port Authority; Metropolitan Stevedore Co.; P&O Ports North American, Inc.; Port of Tacoma; South Carolina State Ports Authority; Stevedoring Services of America, Inc.; Trans Bay Container Terminal, Inc. TraPac Terminals; Universal Maritime Service Corp.; and Virginia International Terminals.

Synopsis: The amendment adds APM Terminals North America, Inc. as party to the agreement.

Dated: January 30, 2004.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality.

Time and Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. February 18, 2004. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. February 19, 2004.

Place: Humphrey Building, Room 705A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

Status: Open.

Background: The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics is the statutory public advisory body to the Secretary of Health and Human Services in the areas of health data, statistics, and health information policy. Established by section 306(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k(k)), its mandate includes advising the Secretary on the implementation of the Administrative Simplification provisions (Social Security Act, title XI, part C, 42 U.S.C. section 1320d to 1320d-8) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Pub. L. 104-191.

The NCVHS Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality monitors developments in health information privacy and confidentiality on behalf of the full Committee and makes recommendations to the full Committee so that it can advise the Secretary on implementation of the health information privacy provisions of HIPAA.

Purpose: This meeting of the Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality will receive information on the implementation of the regulation "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information" (45 CFR parts 160 and 164), promulgated under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

The regulation and further information about it can be found on the Web site of the Office for Civil Rights, at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/>. The regulation has been in effect since April 14, 2001. Most entities covered by the regulation were required to come into compliance by April 14, 2003.

The first day of the meeting will be conducted as a hearing, in which the Subcommittee will gather information about the impact of the regulation on banking and on law enforcement. The Subcommittee will invite representatives of affected groups to provide information about how the regulation has affected the level of privacy and confidentiality for protected health information, best practices for implementation of the regulation, and information that might help to identify and resolve barriers to compliance. The format will include one or more invited panels and time for questions and discussion. The Subcommittee will ask the invited witnesses for examples of the effect the regulation has had on individuals and on entities subject to the regulation. The first day will also include a time period during which members of the public may deliver brief (3 minutes or less) oral public comment about the implementation of the regulation. To be included on the agenda, please contact Marietta Squire, (301) 458-4524, by e-mail at mrawlins@cdc.gov or postal address at 3311 Toledo Road, Room 2340, Hyattsville, MD 20782 by February 12, 2004.

The second day of the meeting will be conducted in two parts. The first part will be a hearing in which the Subcommittee will gather information about the effects of the regulation on schools. The Subcommittee will invite representatives of affected groups to provide information about how the regulation has affected the level of privacy and confidentiality for protected health information, best practices for implementation of the regulation, and information that might help to identify and resolve barriers to compliance. The second part will consist of Subcommittee discussion of the testimony it has heard and deliberations about possible recommendations to the Secretary.

Persons wishing to submit written testimony only (which should not exceed five double-spaced typewritten pages) should endeavor to submit it by that date. Unfilled slots for oral testimony will also be filled on the days of the meeting as time permits. Please consult Ms. Squire for further information about these arrangements.

Additional information about the hearing will be provide on the NCVHS Web site at <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov> shortly before the hearing date.

Contact person for more information: Information about the content of the hearing and matters to be considered may be obtained from Kathleen H. Fyffe, Lead Staff Person for the NCVHS Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 440D Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 690-7152, e-mail Kathleen.Fyffe@hhs.gov or from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 2413, Presidential Building IV, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245.

Information about the committee, including summaries of past meetings and a roster of committee members, is available on the Committee's Web site at <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov>.

Dated: January 28, 2004.

James Scanlon,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Data Policy, OASPE.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498-1210.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-E11, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: Development of an Assistive Technology and Environmental Assessment Instrument for National Surveys—New—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Recent federal policy initiatives have targeted the removal of

environmental barriers and increased access to assistive and universally designed technologies in order to increase participation in major life activities by persons of all ages with disabilities. Yet, few statistics are available to quantify the potential demand for assistive technologies and no criteria exist to evaluate the potential impact of broadened access.

CDC is seeking OMB approval to cognitively test and pilot a survey instrument that collects information on disabled persons' access to, and use of, assistive technologies and environmental modifications that can be implemented in national health surveys. This information will help policy makers and scientists understand the interface among disability, assistive devices, and environmental modifications. Through a cooperative agreement with the National Institute on Aging, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation has funded researchers at the Polisher Research Institute and Johns Hopkins University to develop the new measures to be tested. The testing will be conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics with funding from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services.

Approximately 300 interviews will be conducted with adults with disabilities living in the community. These interviews will be 45 minutes in length. To the extent possible, different modes of administration will be utilized (e.g. in-person, telephone, or mixed) and racially diverse samples of persons with disabilities in both rural and urban settings will be selected to maximize the sensitivity of the instrument across diverse populations. There is no cost to the respondents other than their time.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondents	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Adult with Disabilities	300	1	45/60	225
Total	225