

Deputy Commissioner on Agency-level projects and initiatives that impact the Agency's policymaking processes and the technology that supports them.

2. Represents ODISP on Agency-level steering and planning committees that develop and prioritize technology initiatives and/or funding that impact the Agency's programmatic policy development process.

3. Assesses the programmatic policy development processes to identify and recommend technology improvements and enhancements.

4. Develops, recommends, negotiates, implements, integrates and then supports broad automated systems strategies for ODISP components that take into account current and emerging technologies, Agency systems policies and standards and their impact on the ODISP environment.

5. Provides user and infrastructure support to all ODISP components, managing the desktop and computer room environments. Manages software and hardware inventories and oversees ODISP-wide rollouts and migrations. Provides application software training as needed.

6. Directs the preparation and management of ODISP's ITS budget, including development of procurement plans, cost data and analysis and justification of systems needs. Represents ODISP in negotiations with the Office of Systems on systems requirements, priority designations, delivery schedules and equipment arrival dates. Manages the identification, procurement and implementation of all IT items for ODISP components.

7. Provides expert advice and support to the Deputy Commissioner and ODISP Associate Commissioners on systems security policies, initiatives, best practices and implementation procedures. Performs data and system security audits, assessments and risk assessments on existing and proposed ODISP systems as required. Represents ODISP on Agency-level IT security workgroups and committees.

Dated: January 30, 2004.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Certifications Pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162

[Public Notice 4621]

SUMMARY: On January 26, 2004, the Department of State certified, pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 ("Section 609"), that 2 nations, Costa Rica and Honduras, have adopted programs to reduce the incidental capture of sea turtles in their shrimp fisheries comparable to the program in effect in the United States. The Department also withdrew certification

for one country, Nigeria, due to concerns over the effectiveness of its program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 11, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Story, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818; telephone: (202) 647-2335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 prohibits imports of certain categories of shrimp unless the President certifies to the Congress not later than May 1 of each year either: (1) That the harvesting nation has adopted a program governing the incidental capture of sea turtles in its commercial shrimp fishery comparable to the program in effect in the United States and has an incidental take rate comparable to that of the United States; or (2) that the fishing environment in the harvesting nation does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles. The President has delegated the authority to make this certification to the Department of State. Revised State Department guidelines for making the required certifications were published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1999 (Vol. 64, No. 130, Public Notice 3086).

On January 26, 2004, the Department certified Costa Rica and Honduras on the basis that their sea turtle protection program is comparable to that of the United States. These countries join 14 others certified by the Department in 2003 on the same basis.

The Department also withdrew certification for Nigeria, on the basis of a determination that the program in place in Nigeria was no longer comparable in effectiveness to the program in place in the United States. Imports of shrimp harvested by commercial fishing technology in Nigeria will not be eligible for importation into the United States, though products from artisanal fisheries or aquaculture production remain eligible for importation if accompanied by a properly executed DS-2031 Shrimp Importer's/Exporter's declaration. No other categories of shrimp produced in Nigeria are eligible for importation at this time.

The Department of State has communicated the certifications under Section 609 to the Office of Trade Program of the United States Customs Service.

Dated: February 4, 2004.

David A Balton,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed Between the Week of January 19 and January 30, 2004

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Agreements filed during the week ending January 23, 2004.

Docket Number: OST-2004-16940.

Date Filed: January 20, 2004.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: MV/PSC/005 dated January 15, 2004, Mail Vote Number S 077—Amended Version, Recommended Practice 1720a (R-1), Request for Form Code for Travel Agent Service Fee (TASF), Intended effective date: February 1, 2004.

Agreements filed during the week ending January 30, 2004.

Docket Number: OST-2004-17001.

Date Filed: January 30, 2004.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC12 USA-EUR Fares 0086 dated January 30, 2004, Resolution 015h USA Add-Ons between USA and UK, Intended effective date: April 1, 2004.

Andrea M. Jenkins,

Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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 January 2, 2004

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.

Docket Number: OST–1998–3863.

Date Filed: January 2, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: January 23, 2004.

Description: Application of Continental Airlines, Inc., requesting renewal of its Route 758 certificate authorizing Continental to provide scheduled air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Houston and Sao Paulo and to combine authority on this certificate with other certificate and exemption authority held by Continental.

Andrea M. Jenkins,

*Program Manager, Docket Operations,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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 January 23, 2004

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.

Docket Number: OST–2004–16946.

Date Filed: January 21, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: February 11, 2004.

Description: Application of Kitty Hawk Aircargo, Inc., requesting issuance of a certificate of public

convenience and necessity authorizing Kitty Hawk to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point in the countries listed in appendix A to this application. Kitty Hawk also requests authority to integrate this certificate authority with all services it is otherwise authorized to conduct.

Andrea M. Jenkins,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Preparation of Alternatives/Technology Assessment with the Intent of Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement for the International Drive (I-Drive) Circulator; Orange County, FL

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in consultation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (locally known as LYNX), is issuing this notice to advise the public that FDOT and LYNX intend to conduct a Scoping Meeting and an Alternatives/Technology Assessment, leading to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that would comply with all FTA requirements and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and all other relevant Federal, State and local regulations and requirements. This EIS will be prepared to evaluate a transit circulator described as the International Drive (I-Drive) Circulator system that would serve as a feeder/distributor system connected to the proposed regional rail transit system including the proposed North-South Light Rail Transit (LRT) system and the proposed Orlando International Airport (OIA) Connector system.

This Notice of Intent is being published at this time to notify interested parties and to solicit participation in the study. The objective of the Alternatives/Technology Assessment is to identify a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) that can then be evaluated further as part of the

EIS phase of project development. The proposed project is planned to connect major attractions in the I-Drive area including the Belz Factory Outlet Mall, the Orange County Convention Center, numerous hotels and restaurants in the area, Sea World and a connection to the Universal Studios area. The proposed connection to the regional rail transit system will occur in the area of the Orange County Convention Center or the Belz Factory Outlet and will make I-Drive accessible by transit from the OIA. The project study area will be the International Drive corridor between Belz Factory Outlet on the north through Universal/Major Blvd. and Canadian Court Intermodal Center areas to the Sea World area on the south, including a possible connection to Universal Studios to the west of Interstate 4.

The following alternatives will be evaluated as part of this study: (1) A No Action (No Build) Alternative; (2) a Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Alternative/Baseline; and (3) two or more Fixed Guideway Alternatives; the assessment of alternative technologies is a part of this study effort.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered should be directed to Ms. Tawny Olore, Rail Transit Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation—District 5, 719 South Woodland Boulevard, MS 2–543, DeLand, Florida, 32720 by April 12, 2004. Scoping Meeting: Scoping for the study will be accomplished through review of previous studies and consultation with affected agencies, interested persons/key stakeholders through correspondence and at the public scoping meeting and other public meetings.

ADDRESSES: A Scoping Meeting will be conducted to provide the purpose and need for the study, describe the process that will be followed, define the limits of the study area, to answer any questions that may exist, and to receive comments, thoughts, and/or opinions relevant to the study. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Orange County Convention Center in the Lecture Hall, Room W300, located at 9800 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819. Persons with disabilities, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, who may require special accommodations to participate in the Scoping Meeting should contact Mr. Steve Ferrell, P.E., Deputy Project Manager, at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting