

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:

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**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,**

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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