

4. The Funds will hold meetings of shareholders to vote on approval of the New Agreement on or before the 120th day following the termination of the Existing Agreement (but in no event later than May 20, 1996).

5. The Adviser or Fourth Financial will bear the costs of preparing and filing this application and the costs relating to the solicitation of Fund shareholder approval necessitated by the Merger.

6. The Adviser will take all appropriate steps so that the scope and quality of advisory and other services provided to the Funds during the Interim Period will be at least equivalent, in the judgment of the board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, to the scope and quality of services previously provided. If personnel providing material services during the Interim Period change materially, the Adviser will apprise and consult with the board to assure that they, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, are satisfied that the services provided will not be diminished in scope or quality.

For the SEC, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.
Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster Loan Area #8721]

Oregon; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

Tillamook County and the contiguous counties of Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Polk, Yamhill and Washington in the State of Oregon constitute an economic injury disaster loan area caused by landslides due to severe weather including flooding which occurred from October through December, 1995. Eligible small businesses without credit available elsewhere and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance until the close of business on September 20, 1996 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795, or other locally announced locations. The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Dated: December 20, 1995.

Cassandra M. Pulley,

Deputy Administrator.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2811]

U.S. Territory of the Virgin Islands; Amendment #3

The above numbered Declaration is hereby amended, effective December 20, 1995 to extend the termination date for filing applications for physical damage until January 15, 1996. The termination date for economic injury remains the same, June 17, 1996, at the previously designated location.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: December 21, 1995.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2316]

Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea, Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers; Notice of Meeting

The Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on January 26, 1996, in Room 2415, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the First Session of the Subcommittee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for February 5-9, 1996, at the IMO Headquarters in London. The DSC Subcommittee was formed by combining the Subcommittee on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods (CDG) and the Subcommittee on Containers and Cargoes (BC).

The agenda items of particular interest are:

- a. Harmonization of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code with the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
- b. Amendment 28-96 of the IMDG Code.
- c. Implementation of the IMDG Code.

d. Development of new glossary and illustrations of packagings for Annex I to the IMDG Code.

e. Amendments to the Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (EmS) and the Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods (MFAG).

f. Implementation of Annex III of the Marine Pollution Convention (MARPOL 73/78), as amended, and amendments to the IMDG Code to cover marine pollution aspects.

g. Reports on incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas.

h. Evaluation of properties of solid bulk cargoes.

i. Amendments to the Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code).

j. Loading and unloading of bulk cargoes.

k. Development of measures complementary to the Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) Code.

l. Stowage and securing of cargoes on offshore supply vessels.

m. Entry into enclosed spaces.

n. Amendments to SOLAS chapters VI and VII.

o. Guidelines for the development of shipboard emergency plans for marine pollutants.

p. Water level alarms in cargo holds.

q. Cargo securing manual.

r. Revision of the Recommendations on the Safe Use of Pesticides in Ships.

s. Offshore tank containers.

t. Ships' stores of a hazardous nature.

u. Review of open-top containership provisional requirements.

v. Risk analysis of on-deck stowage of dangerous goods and marine pollutants and recommendations for the revision of relevant IMDG Code stowage provisions.

w. Revision of the format of the IMDG Code.

x. Review of reporting requirements in IMO instruments.

y. Relations with other organizations.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: CDR K. S. Cook, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MOS-3), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-1577.

Dated: December 15, 1995.

Richard T. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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[Public Notice No. 2315]**Shipping Coordinating Committee,
International Maritime Organization
(IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of
Meeting**

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct a special open meeting at 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 25, 1996, in Room 6319 of U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting is to seek public comment in preparation for an upcoming diplomatic conference that will consider the draft texts of both an International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS Convention) and a Protocol to amend the International Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (76 LLMC). The diplomatic conference will be held in London, at the Headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), from April 15 until May 3, 1996.

To facilitate the attendance of those participants who may be interested in only certain aspects of the public meeting, the first item addressed will be a presentation on the basic structure, framework, and legal principles of the draft HNS Convention. Comments will be sought at this time regarding the substance of the draft HNS Convention to assist the United States delegation in developing negotiating positions for the diplomatic conference.

At approximately 11 a.m., there will be a presentation on the major revisions to the 76 LLMC that would be brought about by the draft Protocol. Comments will be sought at this time regarding the substance of the draft Protocol to assist the United States delegation in developing negotiating positions for the diplomatic conference.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information or to submit views concerning the subjects of discussion, contact either Captain David J. Kantor or Lieutenant Commander Steven D. Poulin, U.S. Coast Guard (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593, telephone (202) 267-1527, telefax (202) 267-4496.

Dated: December 18, 1995.

Charles A. Mast,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 520X)]¹

**CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—Chatham
County, GA**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a verified notice under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.69 miles rail line between milepost SHB-511.66 and SHB-512.35 in North Savannah, Hutchinson Island, Chatham County, GA.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Board with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in complainant's favor within the last 2 years; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 and 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies), and 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether employees are adequately protected, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

This exemption will be effective on February 17, 1996, unless stayed or a statement of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) is filed. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² statements of

¹ The proceeding was originally instituted by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act), which was signed into law by President Clinton on December 29, 1995, took effect on January 1, 1996, and abolished the ICC and transferred certain functions and pending proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the Act provides, in general, that proceedings transferred from the ICC to the Board shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996. All statutory references in this notice will be to the former Interstate Commerce Act (ICA) provisions. The statutory provisions at 49 U.S.C. 10903-04 of the prior ICA were reenacted as 49 U.S.C. 10903 and responsibility for administering them is assigned to the Board.

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised

intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29⁴ must be filed by January 29, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by February 7, 1996. An original and 10 copies of any such filing must be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Surface Transportation Board, 1201 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, one copy must be served on Charles M. Rosenberger, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

CSXT has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by January 23, 1996. A copy of the EA may be obtained by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: January 11, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnick,
Director, Office of Proceedings.
Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Antidrug Program for Personnel
Engaged in Specific Aviation Activities**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration, DOT.

by a party or by the Board in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. *See Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ *See Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

⁴ The Board will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.