

Giles County for Individual Assistance (already designated for Public Assistance).
Warren County for Public Assistance.

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Lacy E. Suiter,

Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1159-DR]

Washington; Amendment No. 8 to the Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Washington (FEMA-1159-DR), dated January 17, 1997, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, effective this date and pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Bryant Harrison of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

This action terminates my appointment of Nellie Ann Mills as Federal Coordinating Officer for this disaster.

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Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1172-DR]

Washington; Amendment No. 3 to the Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Washington (FEMA-1172-DR), dated April 2, 1997, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, effective this date and pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Bryant Harrison of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

This action terminates my appointment of Nellie Ann Mills as Federal Coordinating Officer for this disaster.

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James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1182-DR]

Washington; Amendment No. 3 to the Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Washington (FEMA-1192-DR), dated July 21, 1997, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, effective this date and pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Bryant Harrison of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

This action terminates my appointment of Nellie Ann Mills as Federal Coordinating Officer for this disaster.

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James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1255-DR]

Washington; Amendment No. 2 to the Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Washington (FEMA-1255-DR), dated

October 16, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, effective this date and pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Bryant Harrison of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

This action terminates my appointment of Nellie Ann Mills as Federal Coordinating Officer for this disaster.

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James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 99-03]

I Chen "Jenny" Chiang dba Prestige Forwarding Co. and Hsueh L. "Frank" Wu—Possible Violations of Sections 10(a)(1) and 19(d) of the Shipping Act of 1984, and 46 CFR Part 510; Order of Investigation and Hearing

Respondent I Chen "Jenny" Chiang is a resident of Cerritos, California. From November 6, 1995 through April 15, 1998, Ms. Chiang was licensed by the Federal Maritime Commission as an ocean freight forwarder doing business as Prestige Forwarding Co. ("Prestige Forwarding"), FMC No. 4038. Jenny Chiang served as qualifying individual in applying for the forwarder license and was the only apparent employee of Prestige Forwarding. Following commencement of an investigation by the Commission regarding the activities of Prestige Forwarding, Ms. Chiang surrendered the freight forwarder license of Prestige Forwarding.

Respondent Hsueh L. "Frank" Wu is the husband of Jenny Chiang. Mr. Wu is employed as a sales representative of Hyundai Merchant Marine Co. Ltd. ("Hyundai"), located in Gardena, CA. Jenny Chiang and Frank Wu reside at 13630 Destino Place, Cerritos, CA, which address also served as the offices of Prestige Forwarding throughout the time in question.

Information obtained by the Commission indicates that Prestige Forwarding collected forwarder compensation from Hyundai and other ocean common carriers without providing any forwarding services or furnishing to the carrier the requisite certification entitling Prestige Forwarding to the payment of forwarder compensation thereon. Shipments on which Prestige Forwarding collected forwarder compensation appear to be tied primarily to cargo accounts then being serviced by Frank Wu at Hyundai, as well as to certain non-vessel-operating common carriers ("NVOCCs") transporting cargo on the vessels of Hyundai and others. It further appears that Frank Wu offered to return to certain NVOCCs a portion of the freight forwarder compensation received by Prestige Forwarding on those shipments for which Prestige Forwarding was designated as freight forwarder on the respective ocean bills of lading.

Section 19(d) of the Shipping Act of 1984 ("1984 Act"), 46 U.S.C. app. § 1718(d), provides that an ocean freight forwarder may receive compensation only when such forwarder has performed specified services relating to securing the shipment and preparing the documentation thereon, and has furnished written certification to the carrier that it possesses a valid license and performed those services entitling the forwarder to compensation. The Commission's freight forwarder regulations, 46 CFR part 510, iterate the statutory requirements that a forwarder may receive compensation only where it has certified that it has performed the services entitling it to payment. 46 CFR 510.23. Section 10(a)(1) of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. § 1709(a)(1), prohibits any person knowingly and willfully, directly or indirectly, by means of false billings, false classification, false weighing, false report of weight, false measurement, or by any other unjust or unfair device or means, to obtain or attempt to obtain ocean transportation for property at less than the rates or charges that would otherwise be applicable. The Commission's freight forwarder regulations carry forward the statutory requirements by prohibiting a licensed forwarder from sharing any portion of its fee or freight forwarder

compensation with any shipper or employee thereof. 46 CFR 510.22.

It appears that, beginning no later than January 1997, Prestige Forwarding received compensation as an ocean freight forwarder without performing those services required for the payment of freight forwarder compensation. Under section 19 of the 1984 Act, the provision of forwarding services and good faith certification to the ocean common carrier is a statutory condition precedent to the payment and receipt of freight forwarder compensation. It further appears that Ms. Chiang's husband, Frank Wu, actively participated in establishing and implementing a scheme or device to extract money from ocean common carriers essentially under false pretenses. Since January 1997, compensation apparently was collected by Prestige Forwarding on more than 1500 shipments transported on Hyundai, without performing the services of a freight forwarder and without furnishing the requisite certification that such forwarder then possessed a valid license and had performed services entitling the licensee to the receipt of freight forwarder compensation. By so doing, it appears that Frank Wu and Jenny Chiang, individually and acting as Prestige Forwarding, violated section 19(d) of the 1984 Act, and also violated the Commission's forwarder regulations at 46 CFR § 510.23.

In addition, it appears that Prestige Forwarding remitted part of its forwarder compensation to its NVOCC shippers, and that checks were issued by Prestige Forwarding reflecting such payments. It further appears that Jenny Chiang's husband, Frank Wu, exercised a primary role in initiating and carrying out such arrangement with respect to such NVOCCs, and possibly other shipper accounts of Prestige Forwarding or Hyundai. In remitting or returning to the shippers a portion of the compensation paid to Prestige on their shipments, it appears that Respondents have sought unlawfully to lower the freight charges of the NVOCC-shippers. See, e.g. Pacon Express Inc., Luis R. Hallon and Sun Bong—Possible Violations of Sections 10(a)(1) and 19(d)(4) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 28 S.R.R. 352 (I.D., May 5, 1998) (Administratively final June 19, 1998). In doing so, it appears that Frank Wu and Jenny Chiang, individually and acting as Prestige Forwarding, violated section 19(a)(1) of the 1984 Act and also violated the Commission's forwarder regulations at 46 CFR 510.22(a).

Section 11 of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. § 1710, sets forth the Commission's