

FINRA's argument that the rule, as currently written, may be overbroad. There have been a number of changes in the markets since the time the rule was adopted by the NASD in 1968. However, the Commission believes that there continue to be opportunities for unscrupulous participants in the marketplace to interposition third parties in a securities transaction between themselves and their customers to the disadvantage of those customers.<sup>13</sup> The Commission expects FINRA, when it finds evidence of interpositioning by members that was detrimental to the customer, to charge member firms or associated persons, as appropriate, with violations of its rules.

The Commission notes that its approval of this rule change is not an indication that interpositioning is no longer an issue. Rather, it is meant to reflect changes in the market place that have occurred since 1968 when the rule was adopted.<sup>14</sup> The Commission notes that, even with this rule change, the cost to the customer under the proposed rule will "remain a crucial factor in determining whether a member has fulfilled its best execution obligations under Rule 2320," including transactions involving interposed third parties.<sup>15</sup> The Commission also notes that interpositioning "that is unnecessary or violates a member's general best execution obligations—either because of unnecessary costs to the customer or improperly delayed executions—would still be prohibited."<sup>16</sup> In this respect, the Commission takes comfort from FINRA's representations that interpositioning that harms a customer violates NASD Rule 2440 and FINRA Rule 2010.<sup>17</sup>

The proposed rule will thus continue to prohibit interpositioning that adversely affects the customer, and the cost to the customer will remain a central part of that determination. The Commission expects FINRA to diligently pursue such conduct by members.<sup>18</sup>

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (SR-FINRA-2007-024), as modified by Amendment No. 1, be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>19</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6760]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Art of the Samurai: Japanese Arms and Armor, 1156-1868"

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Art of the Samurai," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, from on or about October 19, 2009, until on or about January 10, 2010, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/632-6473). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: September 8, 2009.

**Maura M. Pally,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6761]

### Determination and Certification Related to Colombian Armed Forces Under Section 7046(B) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Div. H, Pub. L. 111-8)

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of State, including under section 7046 (b)(1)(B) and section 7046(b)(2) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Div. H, Pub. L. 111-8 ("FY 2009 SFOAA")), I hereby determine, certify, and report that the Colombian Armed Forces are meeting the conditions contained in section 7046(b)(1)(B) and section 7046(b)(2).

The Department of State has periodically consulted with internationally recognized human rights organizations regarding the Colombian Armed Forces' progress in meeting the above-mentioned conditions, as provided in section 7046(c) of the FY 2009 SFOAA.

This Determination and Certification shall be published in the **Federal Register** and copies shall be transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

Dated: September 8, 2009.

**James B. Steinberg,**

*Deputy Secretary of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6759]

### Determination Under the Foreign Assistance Act and the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts

Pursuant to section 654(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Deputy Secretary of State has made a determination pursuant to section 620H of the Foreign Assistance Act, and section 7021 of the Department of State,

<sup>13</sup> See, e.g., *In re Andrew P. Gonchar and Polyviou T. Polyviou*, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-60506 (August 14, 2009).

<sup>14</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 18778.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 18778.

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* at 18779.

In addition to the proposed rule language, other FINRA and NASD rules would continue to govern the handling of customer orders. In particular, FINRA Rule 2010 requires that members observe high standards of commercial honor and just and equitable principles of trade, and NASD Rule 2440 requires that members charge fair prices and commissions in their dealings with customers.

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* at 18778 n.4.

<sup>18</sup> See *In re Andrew P. Gonchar and Polyviou T. Polyviou*, *supra* note 13.

Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations, 2009 (Div. H, Pub. L. 111–8), and similar provisions in prior-year Appropriations Acts, and has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

This Determination shall be reported to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 4, 2009.

**Vann H. Van Diepen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: 2009–0830]

#### Airport Privatization Pilot Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Receipt and Acceptance for Review: Preliminary Application for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, New Orleans, LA.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has completed its review of the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) preliminary application for participation in the airport privatization pilot program received under 49 U.S.C. 47134. The preliminary application is accepted for review, with a filing date of August 5, 2009. The City of New Orleans, the airport sponsor, may select a private operator, negotiate an agreement and submit a final application to the FAA for exemption under the pilot program. 49 U.S.C. 47134 establishes an airport privatization pilot program and authorizes the Department of Transportation to grant exemptions from certain Federal statutory and regulatory requirements for up to five airport privatization projects. The application procedures require the FAA to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** after review of a preliminary application. The FAA must publish a notice of receipt of the final application in the **Federal Register** for public review and comment for a sixty-day period. The MSY preliminary application is available for public review at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The docket number is FAA Docket Number 2009–0830.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin C. Willis (202–267–8741) Airport Compliance Division, ACO–100, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Introduction and Background

Title 49 of the U.S. Code § 47134 authorizes the Secretary of Transportation, and through delegation, the FAA Administrator, to exempt a sponsor of a public use airport that has received Federal assistance, from certain Federal requirements in connection with the privatization of the airport by sale or lease to a private party. Specifically, the Administrator may exempt the sponsor from all or part of the requirements to use airport revenues for airport-related purposes, to pay back a portion of Federal grants upon the sale or lease of an airport, and to return airport property deeded by the Federal Government upon transfer of the airport. The Administrator is also authorized to exempt the private purchaser or lessee from the requirement to use all airport revenues for airport-related purposes, to the extent necessary to permit the purchaser or lessee to earn compensation from the operations of the airport.

On September 16, 1997, the Federal Aviation Administration issued a notice of procedures to be used in applications for exemption under Airport Privatization Pilot Program (62 FR 48693). A request for participation in the Pilot Program must be initiated by the filing of either a preliminary or final application for exemption with the FAA.

The City of New Orleans submitted a preliminary application to the Airport Privatization Pilot Program for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport on August 5, 2009; the filing date of this preliminary application. The City may select a private operator, negotiate an agreement and submit a final application to the FAA for exemption.

If FAA accepts the final application for review, the application will be made available for public review and comment for a sixty-day period.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 8, 2009.

**Randall S. Fiertz,**

*Director, Office of Airport Compliance and Field Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE–2009–40]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before September 30, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA–2009–0809 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202–493–2251.
- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy:* We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

*Docket:* To read background documents or comments received, go to