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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8104]

In the Matter of Amendment of the Designation of al-Qa'ida in Iraq, aka Jam'at al Tawhid wa'al-Jihad, aka The Monotheism and Jihad Group, aka The al-Zarqawi Network, aka al-Tawhid, aka Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn, aka The Organization of al-Jihad's Base of Operations in Iraq, aka al-Qaida of Jihad in Iraq, aka al-Qaida in Mesopotamia, aka al-Qaida in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka al-Qaida of the Jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka al-Qaida of Jihad Organization in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka al-Qaida Group of Jihad in Iraq, aka al-Qaida Group of Jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka The Organization of Jihad's Base in the Country of the Two Rivers, aka The Organization Base of Jihad/ Country of the Two Rivers, aka The Organization of al-Jihad's Base in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka The Organization Base of Jihad/ Mesopotamia, aka The Organization of al-Jihad's Base of Operations in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka Tanzeem qa'idat al Jihad/Bildad al Raafidaini, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act; To include the aliases Al-Nusrah Front, Jabhat al-Nusrah, Jabhet al-Nusra, The Victory Front, Al Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter pursuant to Section 219(a)(4)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(4)(C)) ("INA"), and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State concludes that there is a sufficient factual basis to find that al-Qa'ida in Iraq, also known under the aliases listed above, uses or has used additional aliases, namely, al-Nusrah Front, aka Jabhat al-Nusrah, aka Jabhet al-Nusra, aka The Victory Front, aka Al

Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant.

Therefore, pursuant to § 219(b) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1189(b)), the Secretary of State hereby amends the 2004 designation of al-Qa'ida in Iraq as a foreign terrorist organization, to include the following new alias and other possible transliterations thereof: Al-Nusrah Front, Jabhat al-Nusrah, Jabhet al-Nusra, The Victory Front, Al Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant.

Dated: November 20, 2012.

Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8105]

In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of al-Qa'ida in Iraq, aka Jam'at al Tawhid wa'al-Jihad, aka The Monotheism and Jihad Group, aka The al-Zarqawi Network, aka al-Tawhid, aka Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn, aka The Organization of al-Jihad's Base of Operations in Iraq, aka al-Qaida of Jihad in Iraq, aka al-Qaida in Mesopotamia, aka al-Qaida in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka al-Qaida of the Jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka al-Qaida of Jihad Organization in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka al-Qaida Group of Jihad in Iraq, aka al-Qaida Group of Jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka The Organization of Jihad's Base in the Country of the Two Rivers, aka The Organization Base of Jihad/ Country of the Two Rivers, aka The Organization of al-Jihad's Base in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka The Organization Base of Jihad/ Mesopotamia, aka The Organization of al-Jihad's Base of Operations in the Land of the Two Rivers, aka Tanzeem qa'idat al Jihad/Bildad al Raafidaini, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity pursuant to Executive Order 13224; To include the aliases Al-Nusrah Front, Jabhat al-Nusrah, Jabhet al-Nusra, The Victory Front, Al Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter pursuant to Executive Order 13224 and in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State concludes that there is a sufficient factual basis to find that al-Qa'ida in Iraq, also known under the aliases listed

above, uses or has used additional aliases, namely, al-Nusrah Front, aka Jabhat al-Nusrah, aka Jabhet al-Nusra, aka The Victory Front, aka Al Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant.

Therefore, the Secretary of State hereby amends the 2004 designation of al-Qa'ida in Iraq as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity, pursuant to Executive Order 13224, to include the following new alias and other possible transliterations thereof: Al-Nusrah Front, Jabhat al-Nusrah, Jabhet al-Nusra, The Victory Front, Al Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Secretary of State.

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TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Dispute No. WTO/DS449]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding United States ; Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Products From China

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") is providing notice that on November 19, 2012, the People's Republic of China ("China") requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel with the United States under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* ("WTO Agreement") concerning Public Law 112-99, "An act to apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes" ("Pub. L. 112-99"), and the countervailing and anti-dumping duty determinations and actions by the Department of Commerce, the U.S. International Trade Commission and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection on imports of the products from China listed below. The panel request may be found at www.wto.org contained in a document designated as WT/DS449/2. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before *December 30, 2012*, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR–2012–0031. If you are unable to provide submissions at www.regulations.gov, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission. If (as explained below) the comment contains confidential information, then the comment should be submitted by fax only to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Rieras, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative; or Lisa Wang, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative. Contact information is: 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395–3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b)(1) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (“URAA”) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States submits or receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, USTR is providing notice that China has requested a panel pursuant to the WTO *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (“DSU”). Once it is established, the panel will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, and would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by China

On November 19, 2012, China requested the establishment of a panel concerning Public Law 112–99, “An act to apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes” (“Pub. L. 112–99”), and the concurrent application of anti-dumping and countervailing duties under the nonmarket economy methodology with respect to the following investigations and reviews initiated between November 20, 2006 and March 13, 2012 on the following imports from China: Coated Free Sheet Paper (C–570–907); Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe (C–570–911); Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube (C–570–915); Laminated Woven Sacks (C–570–917); Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires; (C–570–913); Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires, Administrative Review (C–570–913); Raw Flexible Magnets (C–570–923); Lightweight Thermal Paper (C–

570–921); Sodium Nitrite (C–570–926); Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe (C–570–931); Certain Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe (C–570–936); Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts (C–570–938); Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts, Administrative Review (C–570–938); Certain Tow Behind Lawn Groomers and Certain Parts Thereof (C–570–940); Certain Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks (C–570–942); Certain Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks, Administrative Review (C–570–942); Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods (C–570–944); Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand (C–570–946); Certain Steel Grating (C–570–948); Wire Decking (C–570–950); Narrow Woven Ribbons With Woven Selvage (C–570–953); Certain Magnesite Carbon Bricks (C–570–955); Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe (C–570–957); Certain Coated Paper Suitable for High-Quality Print Graphics Using Sheet-Fed Presses (C–570–959); Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts (C–570–963); Drill Pipe (C–570–966); Aluminum Extrusions (C–570–968); Multilayered Wood Flooring (C–570–971); Certain Steel Wheels (C–570–974); Galvanized Steel Wire (C–570–976); High Pressure Steel Cylinders (C–570–978); Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, (C–570–980); Utility Scale Wind Towers (C–570–982); Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks (C–570–984); Coated Free Sheet Paper (A–570–906); Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe (A–570–910); Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube (A–570–916); Laminated Woven Sacks (A–570–914); Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires (A–570–912); Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires, Administrative Review (A–570–912); Raw Flexible Magnets (A–570–922); Lightweight Thermal Paper (A–570–920); Sodium Nitrite (A–570–925); Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe (A–570–930); Certain Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe (A–570–935); Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts (A–570–937); Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts, Administrative Review (A–570–937); Certain Tow Behind Lawn Groomers and Certain Parts Thereof (A–570–939); Certain Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks (A–570–941); Certain Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks, Administrative Review (A–570–941); Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods (A–570–943); Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand (A–570–945); Certain Steel Grating (A–570–947); Wire Decking (A–570–949); Narrow Woven Ribbons With

Woven Selvage (A–570–952); Certain Magnesite Carbon Bricks (A–570–954); Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe (A–570–956); Certain Coated Paper Suitable for High-Quality Print Graphics Using Sheet-Fed Presses (A–570–958); Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts (A–570–962); Drill Pipe (A–570–965); Aluminum Extrusions (A–570–967); Multilayered Wood Flooring (A–570–970); Certain Steel Wheels (A–570–973); Galvanized Steel Wire (A–570–975); High Pressure Steel Cylinders (A–570–977); Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules (A–570–979); Utility Scale Wind Towers (A–570–981); and Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks (A–570–983). China alleges that the United States acted inconsistently with Articles VI, X:1, X:2, X:3 of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* (“GATT 1994”), Articles 10, 15, 19, 21 and 32 of the *Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures* (“SCM Agreement”), and Articles 9 and 11 of the *Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994* (“AD Agreement”). The challenged investigations and reviews are available at the following Web page of the Department of Commerce: <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn/index.html>.

The panel request was largely similar to the consultations request filed on September 17, 2012.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in this dispute. Persons may submit public comments electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR–2012–0031. If you are unable to provide submissions at www.regulations.gov, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number USTR–2012–0031 on the home page and click “search”. The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting “Notice” under “Document Type” on the left side of the search-results page, and click on the link entitled “Comment Now!.” (For further information on using the www.regulations.gov Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on “How to Use Regulations.gov Site” on the bottom of the page.)

The www.regulations.gov site provides the option of providing comments by filling in a "Type Comments" field, or by attaching a document using an "Upload File" field. It is expected that most comments will be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "Type Comments" field.

A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such and the submission must be marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page. Any comment containing business confidential information must be submitted by fax to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640. A non-confidential summary of the confidential information must be submitted to www.regulations.gov. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

- (1) Must clearly so designate the information or advice;
- (2) Must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page; and
- (3) Must provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Any comment containing confidential information must be submitted by fax. A non-confidential summary of the confidential information must be submitted to www.regulations.gov. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a docket on this dispute settlement proceeding accessible to the public at www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR-2012-0031. The public file will include non-confidential comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the dispute. If a dispute settlement panel is convened or in the

event of an appeal from such a panel, the U.S. submissions, any non-confidential submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, received from other participants in the dispute, will be made available to the public on USTR's Web site at www.ustr.gov, and the report of the panel, and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body, will be available on the Web site of the World Trade Organization, www.wto.org.

Comments open to public inspection may be viewed on the www.regulations.gov Web site.

Juan Millan,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2000-7257; Notice No. 72]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) meeting.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the forty-eighth meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The RSAC meeting topics will include opening remarks from the FRA Administrator and status reports will be provided by the Fatigue Management, Rail Failure, and Risk Reduction Working Groups. Status reports will also be provided by the Engineering and System Safety Task Forces. This agenda is subject to change, including the possible addition of further proposed tasks under the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (RSIA).

DATES: The RSAC meeting is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, and will adjourn by 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The RSAC meeting will be held at the National Housing Center, located at 1201 15th Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Woolverton, RSAC Administrative Officer/Coordinator, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212; or Robert Lauby, Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the RSAC. The RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to FRA on railroad safety matters. The RSAC is composed of 54 voting representatives from 32 member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. In addition, there are non-voting advisory representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Transit Administration. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the RSAC Web site for details on prior RSAC activities and pending tasks at: <http://rsac.fra.dot.gov/>. Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740), for additional information about the RSAC.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 5, 2012.

Robert C. Lauby,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2011-0027; Notice No. 5]

Northeast Corridor Safety Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of a Northeast Corridor Safety Committee (NECSC) meeting.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the third meeting of the NECSC, a Federal Advisory Committee mandated by Section 212 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA). The Committee is made up of stakeholders operating on the