

8748. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Improvements to Hazardous Materials Identification Systems; Editorial revisions and Responses to Petitions for Reconsideration and Appeal [Docket No. HM-206] (RIN: 2137-AB75) received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8749. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; RAPCO, Inc. Filter, Part Numbers RA-1J4-4, RA-1J4-6, and RA-1J4-7 from Lot Numbers 05597, 07797, and 12597 [Docket No. 97-CE-71-AD; Amendment 39-10103; AD 97-16-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8750. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Proposed Amendment to Class E Airspace; Le Mars, IA [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-7] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8751. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace; Poplar Bluff, MO; Correction [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-28] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8752. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Aurora, NE [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-13] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8753. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Norfolk, NE; Correction [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-33] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8754. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Marshall Army Airfield, Fort Riley, KS [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-20] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8755. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Sabreliner Model NA-265-40, -60, -70, and -80 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-171-AD; Amendment 39-10349, AD 98-04-37] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8756. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320-111 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-22-AD; Amendment 39-10410] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8757. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendment of the Provisions to Eliminate and Phase-out Mixing Zones for Bioaccumulative Chemicals of Concern and Amendment to Procedure

8.D. of Appendix F (Pollutant Minimization Program) for the Final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System [FRL-5999-8] received April 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8758. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the 36th Annual Report of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. app. 1118; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8759. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report on the pipeline safety user fee assessment basis, pursuant to Public Law 104-34; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8760. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 07-98—received April 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8761. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a report entitled "Evaluation of Short-Time Compensation Programs: Final Report," pursuant to Public Law 102-318, section 401; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8762. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's quarterly report on the Portfolio Reengineering Demonstration Program for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 1997, pursuant to Public Law 104-134; jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Appropriations.

8763. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting a report on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service [CC Docket No. 96-45] received April 15, 1998, pursuant to Public Law 105-119, 111 Stat. 2440; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Appropriations.

8764. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting a report on the second quarter of Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to Public Law 105-100; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Appropriations.

8765. A letter from the National Film Preservation Foundation, transmitting the first Annual Report of the National Film Preservation Foundation for the calendar year ending December 31, 1997, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 5706 Public Law 104-285, Title II; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and House Oversight.

8766. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting copies of the FY 1999 budget requests of the Federal Aviation Administration to the Department, including requests for "Facilities and Equipment" and "Research, Engineering, and Development," pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 2205(f); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, and Appropriations.

34.4 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

34.5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution to acknowledge the Historic Northern Ireland Peace Agreement.

The message also announced that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to request the House to return to the Senate the official papers on S. 414, "An Act to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States exports, and for other purposes," and upon return of the official papers from the House, the Secretary of the Senate is directed to make the following change in the text of the bill, viz:

In the amendment of section 8(f) of the Shipping Act of 1984 by section 106(e) of the bill, insert a comma and "including limitations of liability for cargo loss or damage," after "practices".

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-92, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints John David Davenport, of Oklahoma, as a participant in the 1998 National Summit on Retirement Income Savings, to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

34.6 MEXICO-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of 22 United States Code 276th, appointed to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, on the part of the House, the following Members: Messrs. KOLBE, Chairman, and GILMAN, Vice Chairman.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointments.

34.7 CANADA-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of 22 United States Code 276th, appointed to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, on the part of the House, the following Member: Mr. HOUGHTON, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointment.

34.8 SUBPOENA RESPONSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, laid before the House the following communication from Mr. Joshua D. Cantor, staff of the Honorable Matthew G. Martinez:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 20, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena ad testificandum issued by the Pasadena Superior Court, in the case of *People v. Anthony Albert Jimenez*, Case No. GA 034516.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that the subpoena relates to my official duties, and that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA D. CANTOR.

¶134.9 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT
TO NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS IN
COLUMBIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NETHERCUTT, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby report to the Congress on the developments since my last report concerning the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995. This report is submitted pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

1. On October 21, 1995, I signed Executive Order 12978, "Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions with Significant Narcotics Traffickers" (the "Order") (60 Fed. Reg. 54579, October 24, 1995). The Order blocks all property subject to U.S. jurisdiction in which there is any interest of four significant foreign narcotics traffickers, one of whom is now deceased, who were principals in the so-called Cali drug cartel centered in Colombia. These persons are listed in the annex to the Order. The Order also blocks the property and interests in property of foreign persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, (a) to play a significant role in international narcotics trafficking centered in Colombia or (b) to materially assist in or provide financial or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, the narcotics trafficking activities of persons designated in or pursuant to the Order. In addition the Order blocks all property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of, persons designated in or pursuant to the Order (collectively "Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers" or "SDNTs").

The Order further prohibits any transaction or dealing by a United States person or within the United States in property or interests in property of SDNTs, and any transaction that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate, the prohibitions contained in the Order.

Designations of foreign persons blocked pursuant to the Order are effective upon the date of determination by the Director of the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) acting under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Treasury. Public notice of blocking is effective upon the date of filing with the Federal Register, or upon prior actual notice.

2. On October 24, 1995, the Department of the Treasury issued a notice containing 76 additional names of persons determined to meet the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12978 (60 Fed. Reg. 54582, October 24, 1995). Additional notices expanding and updating the list of SDNTs were published on November 29, 1995 (60 Fed. Reg. 61288), March 8, 1996 (61 Fed. Reg. 9523), and January 21, 1997 (62 Fed. Reg. 2903).

Effective February 28, 1997, OFAC issued the Narcotics Trafficking Sanctions Regulations ("NTSR" or the "Regulations"), 31 C.F.R. Part 536, to further implement my declaration of a national emergency and imposition of sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia (62 Fed. Reg. 9959, March 5, 1997).

On April 17, 1997 (62 Fed. Reg. 19500, April 22, 1997), July 30, 1997 (62 Fed. Reg. 41850, August 4, 1997), and September 9, 1997 (62 Fed. Reg. 48177, September 15, 1997), OFAC amended appendices A and B to 31 C.F.R. chapter V, revising information concerning individuals and entities who have been determined to play a significant role in international narcotics trafficking centered in Colombia or have been determined to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of, or to be acting as fronts for the Cali cartel in Colombia. These actions are part of the ongoing interagency implementation of Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995. These changes to the previous SDNT list brought it to a total of 426 businesses and individuals with whom financial and business dealings are prohibited and whose assets are blocked under the Order.

3. OFAC has disseminated and routinely updated details of this program to the financial, securities, and international trade communities by both electronic and conventional media. In addition to bulletins to banking institutions via the Federal Reserve System and the Clearing House Interbank Payments System (CHIPS), individual notices were provided to all relevant State and Federal regulatory agencies, automated clearing houses, and State and independent banking associations across the country. OFAC contacted all major securities industry associations and regulators. It posted electronic notices on the Internet and over 10 computer bulletin boards and 2 fax-on-demand services, and provided the same material to the U.S. Embassy in Bogota for distribution to U.S. companies operating in Colombia.

4. As of March 25, 1998, OFAC had issued nine specific licenses pursuant to Executive Order 12978. These licenses were issued in accordance with established Treasury policy authorizing the completion of presanctions transactions and the provision of legal services to and payment of fees for representation of SDNTs in proceedings within the United States arising from the imposition of sanctions.

5. The narcotics trafficking sanctions have had a significant impact on the

Cali drug cartel. Of the 133 business entities designated as SDNTs as of February 20, 1998, 41, or nearly a third, having a combined net worth estimated at more than \$45 million and a combined income of more than \$200 million, had been determined to have gone into liquidation. As a result of OFAC designations, 3 Colombian banks have closed about 300 SDNT accounts of nearly 100 designated individuals. One of the largest SDNT commercial entities, a discount drugstore with an annual income exceeding \$136 million, has been reduced to operating on a cash basis. These specific results augment the less quantifiable but significant impact of denying the designated individuals and entities of the cartel access to U.S. financial and commercial facilities.

Various enforcement actions carried over from prior reporting periods are continuing and new reports of violations are being aggressively pursued. Two criminal investigations are ongoing. Since my last report, OFAC has collected its first civil monetary penalty for violations of IEEPA and the Regulations under the program. OFAC collected \$2,625 from a commercial agent for ocean-going oil tankers for violative funds transfers.

6. The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from October 21, 1997, through April 20, 1998, that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of the national emergency with respect to Significant Narcotics Traffickers are estimated at approximately \$620,000. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the U.S. Customs Service, and the Office of the General Counsel), the Department of Justice, and the Department of State. These data do not reflect certain costs of operations by the intelligence and law enforcement communities.

7. Executive Order 12978 provides my Administration with a tool for combating the actions of significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia and the unparalleled violence, corruption, and harm that they cause in the United States and abroad. The Order is designed to deny these traffickers the benefit of any assets subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and to prevent United States persons from engaging in any commercial dealings with them, their front companies, and their agents. Executive Order 12978 demonstrates the United States commitment to end the damage that such traffickers wreak upon society in the United States and abroad.

The magnitude and the dimension of the problem in Colombia—perhaps the most pivotal country of all in terms of the world's cocaine trade—are extremely grave. I shall continue to exercise the powers at my disposal to apply economic sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their violent and corrupting activities as