for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Lacy E. Suiter,

Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA–1215–DR]

Tennessee; Amendment No. 9 to 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 Tennessee, (FEMA–1215-DR), dated April 20, 1998, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 1998.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Tennessee, is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of April 20, 1998:

Lauderdale County for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

Damon Lavelle Wilson, 10010 Rio Bravo, Houston, TX 77064, Sole Proprietor.

Toriello Passarelli, Inc. d/b/a, Toriello Freight International, 8538 NW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33166, Officers: Mario Toriello, President, Elizabeth Cano, Vice President.

Dated: June 23, 1998.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 98–09]

Kin Bridge Express Inc. and Kin Bridge Express (U.S.A.) Inc.—Possible Violations of Sections 8, 10(a)(1), 10(b)(1) and 23 of the Shipping Act of 1984; Order of Investigation and Hearing

Kin Bridge Express Inc. (''Kin Bridge Taiwan'') is a tariffed and bonded non-vessel-operating common carrier (''NVOCC'') located at 2nd Floor, No. 80, Section 2, Chang An East Road, Taipei 10405, Taiwan. Kin Bridge Taiwan holds out to operate as an NVOCC pursuant to its tariff No. 015344–002, filed April 9, 1998. Wilson Chiao is President of Kin Bridge Taiwan.

Kin Bridge Express (U.S.A.) Inc. (''Kin Bridge USA'') was, until April 18, 1998, a tariffed and bonded NVOCC located at 182–30 150th Road, Jamaica, New York 11413. Effective April 18, Kin Bridge USA canceled its NVOCC tariff and transferred its bond to Kin Bridge Taiwan.[1] Kin Bridge USA continues to serve as U.S. destination agent for Kin Bridge Taiwan and as its designated resident agent for service of process. The President of Kin Bridge USA is Michael Hong.

It appears that Kin Bridge Taiwan, acting as shipper on certain shipments on which it was doing business as NVOCC, participated in a scheme of commodity misdescriptions on at least 73 shipments transported by an ocean common carrier between January 7, 1996 and February 4, 1997. The shipments originated from Kin Bridge's offices in Taiwan and Hong Kong and were consigned to Kin Bridge USA in New York. Kin Bridge Taiwan issued a ''house,'' of NVOCC, bill of lading for each shipment for tender by the ultimate consignee to Kin Bridge USA upon arrival of the cargo.

It further appears that Hanjin Shipping Co. and other ocean common carriers rated the commodities in accordance with the false cargo description furnished by Kin Bridge Taiwan, and its U.S. destination agent, Kin Bridge USA, accepted delivery of the cargo and made payment to the ocean carrier on the basis of the resulting lower rate. Other contemporaneous documentation, such as the arrival notice issued by Kin Bridge USA to the U.S. consignee, indicate that Kin Bridge USA and its principals knew that the shipments actually consisted of commodities different from those listed on the ocean common carrier's bills of lading.

Moreover, it appears that the rates assessed and collected by Kin Bridge Taiwan and its U.S. agent Kin Bridge USA for these shipments bear no relation to the rates set forth in any Kin Bridge tariff then on file with the Commission. Prior to April 9, 1998, Kin Bridge Taiwan in fact had no tariff and no NVOCC bond; nonetheless it was actively engaged in negotiating and executing service contracts with Hanjin Shipping Co.[2] and possibly other ocean common carriers prior to such date. Nor could the tariff of Kin Bridge USA set forth the applicable rates, because Kin Bridge USA only published a limited number of rates, which were applicable to its outbound NVOCC services.

It further appear that, during the period January 1996 through April 1998, numerous outbound shipments were originated by Kin Bridge USA in its capacity as an NVOCC, which were destined to Kin Bridge USA agents in the Far East. Review of the ATFI tariff of Kin Bridge USA indicates that many of these shipments may not have been covered by outbound rates then on file in the tariff of Kin Bridge USA.

[1] Kin Bridge Taiwan maintains an NVOCC bond, No. 055326, in the amount of $50,000 with Washington International Insurance Company, Itasca, Illinois.

[2] Hanjin Service Contract No. 3852, and Hanjin Service Contract No. 5117, both signed by Kin Bridge Taiwan.