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B. The Immediate Office of the Assistant Inspector General for External Affairs (S8K) provides the Assistant Inspector General with staff assistance on the full range of their responsibilities.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

James G. Huse,

Acting Inspector General for Social Security.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2893]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) Study Group on Judgments Meeting Notice

There will be a public meeting of the Study Group on Judgments of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law on Friday, October 2, 1998, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM in Room 1105 of the main building of the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting is to review various legal issues related to the project of the Hague Conference on Private International Law to prepare by 2000 a multilateral convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters. The October 2 Study Group meeting and the advice provided by attending persons and organizations will assist the Department of State and the U.S. delegation to prepare for the November 10-20, 1998, third session of the Hague Conference's Special Commission that is charged with preparing a draft convention on this topic.

Specifically, at the November Special Commission session at The Hague will discuss and reach decisions on various proposals made by country delegations at previous meetings in June 1997 and March 1998. Such decisions will make it possible for the Special Commission and its drafting committee to prepare a first draft of the convention. The draft provisions prepared as a result of the November 1998 session will then be reviewed and refined at the fourth session of the Special Commission in June 1999. There will be a diplomatic session of the Hague Conference in 2000 to adopt the final text of the convention.

Among the issues on which at least preliminary decisions may be made in November are the scope of the

convention, excluded areas of law, required and prohibited bases of jurisdiction for actions in contract, tort and product liability, choice of court and exclusive bases of jurisdiction, the structure of the convention, forum non conveniens, lis pendens, provisional and protective measures, notification, irreconcilable decisions, recognition/enforcement procedures and the role of the court addressed, public policy exceptions to recognition and enforcement, uniform interpretation, and how the convention should operate in federal states.

Persons interested in attending the October 2 Study Group meeting may request the report on the March 1998 Special Commission session and the compilation that is in preparation by the Hague Conference's Permanent Bureau of delegation proposals for dealing with various issues, which will be the basic working document for the November session at The Hague. Requests for documents may be sent to Ms. Rosie Gonzales by fax at (202) 776-8482, by phone at (202) 776-8420 (you may leave your request, name, phone number and address on the answering machine) or by email to <pilddb@his.com>.

The Study Group meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. As access to the State Department building is controlled, any person wishing to attend should by no later than Wednesday, September 30 provide Ms. Gonzales with his or her name, Social Security number and birth date to facilitate admission to the building. It would also be helpful to include affiliation, address, fax and phone numbers, and email addresses for purposes of updating the Department's address list. Participants should be sure to use only the C Street ("diplomatic") entrance of the State Department, on C Street, N.W. between 21st and 23rd Streets, where someone will be present to assist them.

Those unable to attend but wishing to have their views considered may send their views to Ms. Gonzales at the above fax number or email address, or to the following address: L/PIL, Room 357 South Building, 2430 "E" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-2800.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of a currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on July 1, 1998 (63 FR, 36010).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 22, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rita Daguillard, Office of the Chief Counsel at (202) 366-1936 and refer to the OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Title: Charter Service Operations.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2132-0543.

Form(s): N/A

Affected Public: State and local government, business or other-for-profit government institutions, and non-profit institutions).

Abstract: Section 5323(d) of the Federal Transit Laws (FT Laws) requires all applicants for financial assistance from FTA to enter into a charter bus agreement with the Secretary of Transportation (delegated to the Administrator of FTA in 49 CFR 1.51(a)). Section 5323(d) of the FT Laws provides protections for private intercity charter bus operators from unfair competition by FTA recipients. Section 5302(a)(7) of the FT Laws as interpreted by the Comptroller General permits FTA recipients, but does not state that recipients have a right, to provide charter bus service with FTA funded facilities and equipment only if it is incidental to the provision of mass transportation service. These statutory requirements have been implemented in FTA's charter regulation, 49 CFR part 604. 49 CFR 604.7 requires all

applicants for financial assistance under Section 5309, 5336, or 5311 of the FT Laws to include two copies of a charter bus agreement with the first grant application submitted after the effective date of the rule. The applicant signs the agreement, but FTA executes it only upon approval of the application. This is a one-time submission with incorporation by reference in subsequent grant applications. Section 604.11(b) requires recipients to provide notice to all private charter operators and allow them to demonstrate that they are willing and able to provide the charter service the recipient is proposing to provide. The notice must be published in a newspaper and sent to any private operator requesting notice and to the United Bus Owners of America and the American Bus Association, the two trade associations to which most private charter operators belong. To continue receiving federal financial assistance, recipients must publish this notice annually. Section 604.13(b) requires recipients to notify each private operator that presented evidence of the recipient's determination whether the private operator meets the definition of "willing and able." This notice is also an annual requirement. On December 30, 1988, FTA issued an amendment to the Charter Service Regulation which allows additional exceptions for certain non-profit social service groups that meet eligibility requirements.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 1,984.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention OST Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 17, 1998.

Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending September 11, 1998

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

Docket Number: OST-98-4428.

Date Filed: September 8, 1998.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC COMP 0326 dated August 21, 1998 r1-25; PTC COMP 0327 dated August 21, 1998 r26-31; PTC COMP 0332 dated August 28, 1998; Minutes: Intended effective date: April 1, 1998.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending September 11, 1998

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-98-4439.

Date Filed: September 11, 1998.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: October 9, 1998.

Description: Application of Air Nippon Co., Ltd. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41301 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a foreign air carrier permit to engage in the foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail on the following routing; between any point or points behind Japan and any point or points in Japan, via any intermediate point or points, and any point or points in the United States, and beyond the United States to any point or points, with full traffic rights.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-98-18]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Ch. I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. 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 any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before October 13, 1998.

ADDRESS: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are