

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 Paul Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: August 28, 2006.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5536]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Luca Cambiaso 1527-1585"

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 art object to be included in the exhibition "Luca Cambiaso 1527-1585," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, is of cultural significance. The art object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit object at The Blanton Museum of Art, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, from on or about September 15, 2006, until on or about January 14, 2007, and at possible additional 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 Richard Lahne, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8058). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301

4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: August 25, 2006.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5532]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Rembrandt and the Golden Age of Dutch Art: Treasures From the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam"

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 "Rembrandt and the Golden Age of Dutch Art: Treasures from the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam," 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 Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, Ohio, from on or about September 24, 2006, until on or about January 7, 2007, at The Phoenix Art Museum, beginning on or about January 27, 2007, until on or about May 6, 2007, at The Portland Art Museum, beginning on or about May 26, 2007, until on or about September 16, 2007, and at possible additional 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 Julianne Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8049). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: August 25, 2006.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket OST-2006-25612]

Notice of Request for Comments; Request by Hawaiian Airlines for Declaratory Order Concerning Hawaiian's American Samoa Service

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

SUMMARY: The Department is inviting all interested persons to comment on a petition submitted by Hawaiian Airlines for a declaratory order regarding an Executive Order issued by the Honorable Togiola T.A. Tulafono, the Governor of American Samoa, that proposes to bar Hawaiian from continuing to serve American Samoa if the Governor finds another airline that will provide service between Honolulu and Pago Pago.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 15, 2006. Replies must be filed by September 22, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Objections and answers to objections must be filed in Docket number OST-2006-25612 by one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By hand delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Comments must be filed in Docket OST-2006-25612.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Ray, Office of the General Counsel (C-30, Room 4102), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4731, or Nancy Kessler, Office of the General Counsel (C-10, Room 10102), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Hawaiian Airlines, which has been flying between

Honolulu and Pago Pago since 1984, is the only airline currently providing scheduled passenger service between American Samoa and another U.S. state or territory. Governor Tulafono has expressed his dissatisfaction with the quality and price of Hawaiian's service. On July 26, 2006, he issued an executive order stating that American Samoa intends to find another airline to replace Hawaiian's service and that he will issue a second executive order barring Hawaiian from continuing to operate to American Samoa when a replacement airline is ready to begin flying between Honolulu and Pago Pago.

On August 10, 2006, Hawaiian filed a petition for a declaratory order in Docket OST-2006-25612 that contends that the Governor may not lawfully block Hawaiian from serving the Honolulu-Pago Pago market. Hawaiian argues in particular that a Federal statute, 49 U.S.C. 41713, bars American Samoa and all other states and territories from regulating the routes, rates, and services of interstate airlines and that American Samoa therefore may not stop Hawaiian from serving Pago Pago. Hawaiian, noting that the Governor has stated that his proposed action is within American Samoa's customs and border control authority, contends that that authority would not support the Governor's plans. Hawaiian's petition includes as attachments the Governor's July 26, 2006 order and the Governor's response to a letter from the Manager of the Federal Aviation Administration's Airports District Office, Western-Pacific Region, that had suggested that the Governor's proposed action appeared to be unlawful.

No one has answered Hawaiian's petition. We do not wish to rule on the petition for a declaratory order without obtaining the views of American Samoa. Hawaiian itself states that it "requests that the government of American Samoa be given the opportunity to participate in this matter." We therefore invite American Samoa and all other interested persons to submit comments on the Hawaiian petition for a declaratory order. Comments should address the issues raised in Hawaiian's petition and the Governor's response to the FAA official's letter as well as any other relevant matters of concern to the commenter. We are placing a copy of the FAA official's letter in the docket. Hawaiian's petition and the letter are accessible on-line at the Web site for the Department's Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

To ensure that American Samoa and other interested persons have an adequate opportunity to prepare and

submit comments, we will allow them to file their comments by September 15, 2006. Interested persons, including Hawaiian, may then file replies to the comments by September 22, 2006.

Dated: August 28, 2006.

Michael W. Reynolds,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Petition for Exemption From the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Ford Motor Company

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the petition of Ford Motor Company, (Ford) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 543, *Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard*, for the Five Hundred vehicle line beginning with model year (MY) 2007. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

DATES: The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with model year (MY) 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Deborah Mazyck, Office of International Vehicle, Fuel Economy and Consumer Standards, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Mazyck's telephone number is (202) 366-0846. Her fax number is (202) 493-2290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a petition dated April 28, 2006, Ford requested exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the theft prevention standard (49 CFR Part 541) for the MY 2007 Five Hundred vehicle line. The petition requested exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR Part 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard*, based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for an entire vehicle line.

Under § 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant exemptions for one line of its vehicle lines per year. In

its petition, Ford provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the Five Hundred vehicle line. Ford will install its antitheft device, the SecuriLock Passive Anti-Theft Electronic Powertrain Immobilizer System (SecuriLock) as standard equipment on the Ford Five Hundred vehicle line beginning with MY 2007. Features of the antitheft device will include an electronic key, ignition lock, and a passive immobilizer. Additionally, the Ford Five Hundred will have an optional perimeter alarm system which will monitor all the doors, decklid and hood of the vehicle. Ford's submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in 543.5 and the specific content requirements of 543.6.

The Ford SecuriLock is a transponder-based electronic immobilizer system. Ford stated that the integration of the transponder into the normal operation of the ignition key assures activation of the system. When the ignition key is turned to the start position, the transceiver module reads the ignition key code and transmits an encrypted message to the cluster. Validation of the key is determined and start of the engine is authorized once a separate encrypted message is sent to the powertrain's electronic control module (PCM). The powertrain will function only if the key code matches the unique identification key code previously programmed into the PCM. If the codes do not match, the powertrain engine starter will be disabled.

The effectiveness of Ford's SecuriLock device was first introduced as standard equipment on its MY 1996 Mustang GT and Cobra. In MY 1997, the SecuriLock system was installed on the entire Mustang vehicle line as standard equipment. Ford stated that the 1997 model year Mustang with SecuriLock shows a 70% reduction in theft compared to the MY 1995 Mustang, according to National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) theft statistics. There were 149 reported theft for 1997 compared to 500 reported thefts in 1995.

In addressing the specific content requirements of 543.6, Ford provided information on the reliability and durability of its proposed device. To ensure reliability and durability of the device, Ford conducted tests based on its own specified standards. Ford also provided a detailed list of the tests conducted and believes that the device is reliable and durable since the device complied with its specified requirements for each test. Ford also