

seek public input in identifying any new issues of concern that should be considered for the agenda.

Representatives from each of the SPS Committee's eight Technical Working Groups (TWGs) will also be present to apprise the public of each TWG's progress and to respond to questions.

The September meeting will be the Ninth Meeting of the NAFTA SPS Committee and will include the co-chairs from the TWGs that report to the Committee. The purpose of the NAFTA SPS Committee is to address sanitary and phytosanitary trade issues affecting the entry of agricultural products among the three member countries.

**DATES:** The public meeting date is Thursday, September 7, 2000, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., USDA South Building (at the back of the USDA cafeteria, first floor, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. Written comments should be submitted by September 4, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Carolyn T. Cohen, Foreign Agricultural Service, International Trade Policy, Food Safety and Technical Services Division, Room 5545, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-1301; or e-mail ofsts@fas.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Article 722 of NAFTA, the NAFTA SPS Committee is responsible for facilitating: (a) The enhancement of food safety and sanitary and phytosanitary conditions in the territories of the part is; (b) activities of the Parties pursuant to Articles 713 and 714 relating respectively to international standards and equivalence; (c) technical cooperation; and (d) consultation on specific bilateral issues. An SPS issue can be raised by any party and is sent to the Committee for consideration. The Committee will either consider the matter itself or refer the issue to an individual, working group or relevant standard setting organization for technical advice.

Since the entry into force of NAFTA on January 1, 1994, the NAFTA SPS Committee has met on eight separate occasions: March 24, 1994 in Washington, DC; October 6, 1994 in Washington, DC; September 21, 1995 in Mexico City; February 14, 1996 in Mexico City; June 20, 1996 in Ottawa; November 18-19, 1997 in Washington, DC; November 4-5, 1998 in Mexico City; and November 2-3, 1999 in Ottawa. The Committee meets at least once a year with meetings rotating among the three countries. Each TWG is to send at least one representative to the annual Committee meeting to report on

its progress and activity. The nine TWGS under the NAFTA SPS Committee and their points of contact (POC) are as follows:

1. *Animal Health:* POC: Dr. Alfonso Torres, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA.

2. *Plant Health, Seeds & Fertilizers:* POC: Dr. Ric Dunkle, Plant Protection and Quarantine, APHIS, USDA.

3. *Fish & Fishery Product Inspection:* POC: Dr. Philip Spiller, Office of Seafood, Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

4. *Meat, Poultry & Egg Inspection:* POC: Dr. John C. Prucha, Food Safety Inspection Service, USDA.

5. *Dairy, Fruits, Vegetables and Processed Foods:* POC: Dr. Terry Troxell, Office of Plant & Dairy Foods & Beverages, FDA.

6. *Veterinary Drugs & Feed:* POC: Dr. Robert Livingstone, Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA.

7. *Food Additives and Contaminants:* POC: Dr. Alan Rulis, Office of Pre-Market Approval, FDA.

8. *Pesticides:* POC: Ms. Marcia Mulkey, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency.

9. *Labeling, Packaging & Standards:* POC: Dr. Christine J. Lewis, Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements, FDA.

**PUBLIC MEETING:** The public meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC, (at the back of USDA cafeteria, 1st floor).

**WRITTEN COMMENTS:** Those persons wishing to submit written comments should provide five (5) typed copies to Richard White, Director for SPS Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representatives, 600 17th St., NW., Room 421; Washington, DC 20508. If the submission contains business confidential information, five copies of a confidential version must also be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and of each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "nonconfidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business

confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 20003.6, will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representatives, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**David Walters,**

*Acting Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Request Review and Approval From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of a Proposed Public Collection of Information

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), This notice announces that the FAA is Submitted a proposed information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Judy Street, APF-100, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judy Street at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Laser Operations in the Navigable Airspace (Draft Advisory Circular).

*Abstract:* Laser operations are a major safety concern to the FAA because laser emissions that encounter and or enter the eye have the potential of incapacitating the pilot or crewmember. In addition, laser light operations have been found to create glare, flashblindness, and after image effects, all of which may interrupt pilot or crewmember activities. The FAA requests the information in the interest of aviation safety to protect aircraft operations from the potential hazardous affect of laser emission. The information collected is reviewed for its impact on

aviation in the vicinity of the laser activity. Upon completion of the review, the FAA issues a letter of determination to the respondent concerning their request.

**Burden on public:** It is estimated that approximately 20 respondents will submit approximately 200 requests (the Notice Form and the Configuration Form) to the FAA. First-time submitters could take up to 10 hours to prepare the documentation. Subsequent submissions from the same party for the same system may require only about 20 minutes. The total burden on the public is estimated to be 2,200 hours annually.

**Comments are invited on:** Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency'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.

**Public protection clause:** An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Once a control number is assigned, it will be published.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 14, 2000.

**Steve Hopkins,**

*Manager, Standards and Information Division, APF-100.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Hilton Head Island Airport, Hilton Head Island, SC

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to rule on application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose a PFC at Hilton Head Island Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law

101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Atlanta Airports District Office, Attn: Tracie L. Dominy, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, College Park, GA 30337.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Randolph L. Wood, Deputy Administrator of Beaufort County Council at the following address: Post Office Drawer 1228, Beaufort, SC 29901.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Beaufort County Council under section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tracie L. Dominy, Program Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Avenue, Suite 2-260, College Park, Georgia, (404) 305-7148. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose a PFC at Hilton Head Island Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On August 14, 2000, the FAA determined that the application to impose a PFC submitted by Beaufort County Council was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than November 16, 2000.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

**PFC Application No.:** 00-02-I-00-HXD.

**Level of the proposed PFC:** \$3.00.

**Proposed charge effective date:** November 1, 2000.

**Proposed charge expiration date:** January 1, 2009.

**Total estimated PFC revenue:** \$2,076,657.

**Brief description of proposed project(s):**

1. Land Acquisition (10 acres).
2. General Aviation/Apron Development.

**Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs:** Part 135/non-scheduled carriers.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed below under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Beaufort County Council.

Issued in College Park, Georgia, on August 14, 2000.

**Scott L. Seritt,**

*Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office, Southern Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, and Robertson Counties, Texas

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed transportation project in Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, and Robertson Counties, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Salvador Deocampo, Acting District Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 300 E. 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone 512-916-5988.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Organization (B/CSMPO), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for upgrading the existing railroad corridor or constructing a new corridor for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The study corridor is approximately 25 miles in length and includes portions of Brazos, Burleson, Grimes and Robertson Counties; the cities of Bryan and College Station; and the Texas A&M University (TAMU) campus. From a regional and local perspective, the UPRR in this area could significantly impact roadway operations, and traffic and pedestrian safety. The population and traffic volumes have grown significantly in the region and the region's population is projected to increase by 50% by the year 2025. Traffic and safety issues are further exacerbated by increasing rail traffic and operations, increasing