

intellectual property protection. USTR maintained Ukraine's designation as a Priority Foreign Country, and again designated Paraguay and China for "Section 306 monitoring" to ensure both countries comply with the commitments made to the United States under bilateral intellectual property agreements.

USTR also announced placement of 15 trading partners on the "Priority Watch List": Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, European Union, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Lebanon, Philippines, Russia, Taiwan, and Uruguay. In addition, USTR placed 33 trading partners on the "Watch List." Moreover, out-of-cycle reviews will be conducted of Indonesia, Israel, the Philippines, the Bahamas, Costa Rica, Poland, and Thailand. While Mexico is not listed, USTR will also conduct an out-of-cycle review of it later in the year.

**Kira M. Alvarez,**

*Director for Intellectual Property.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Office of the United States Trade Representative

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") is seeking written comments from the public concerning the agency's draft Information Quality Guidelines. These Information Quality Guidelines describe USTR's pre-dissemination information quality control and the proposed administrative mechanism for requests for correction of information publicly disseminated by USTR.

**DATES:** USTR will accept comments received on or before June 5, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Richard Kristobek, Office of Computer Operations, Room F203, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508. Comments will also be accepted via electronic mail at [USTRIQG@ustr.gov](mailto:USTRIQG@ustr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Kristobek, Acting Director, Office of Computer Operations, Office of the United States Trade Representative,

600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC (202) 395-5140.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USTR draft Information Quality Guidelines are posted on the USTR website, [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov).

**Richard F. Kristobek,**

*Acting Director, Office of Computer Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34193]

#### Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation—Corporate Family Merger Transaction Exemption

Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad Corporation (TPWRR), Marksman Corp. (Marksman), Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation (TPWRY), and Florida Rail Lines, Inc. (Florida Rail), have jointly filed a verified notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedure at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3).<sup>1</sup> The exempt transaction is a corporate reorganization which involves the merger of TPWRR, TPWRY, and Florida Rail into Marksman. After the merger, Marksman, the surviving corporation, will change its name to Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after April 15, 2002, the effective date of the exemption.

The transaction is intended to simplify the corporate structure and reduce overhead costs and duplication by eliminating three corporations while retaining the same assets to serve customers.

This is a transaction within a corporate family of the type specifically exempted from prior review and approval under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(3). The parties state that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory

<sup>1</sup> Florida Rail, a noncarrier, directly controls TPWRR, which in turn directly controls Marksman, and Marksman directly controls TPWRY. Florida Rail is directly controlled by RailAmerica Transportation Corp., which is directly controlled by Palm Beach Rail Holding, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of RailAmerica, Inc.

obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34193, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Louis E. Gitomer, Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "[WWW.STB.DOT.GOV](http://WWW.STB.DOT.GOV)."

Decided: April 25, 2002.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement Form

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Customs published a document in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2002, entitled "Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Master's Oath on Entry of Vessel in Foreign Trade", inviting comment on an information collection requirement. The document contained many errors, including that the particular information collection on which comments were being sought, the Customs Form (CF) 1300, is no longer called the "Master's Oath on Entry of Vessel in Foreign Trade". The CF 1300 is now called the "Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement". Accordingly, the document published on April 19, 2002, is withdrawn. This document, in which

Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the information collection entitled "Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement" replaces the April 19 document. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3502(c)(2)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 5, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, DC 20229.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.2C, Washington, DC 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On April 19, 2002, Customs published a document in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 19477) inviting the public to comment on an information collection entitled the "Master's Oath on Entry of Vessel in Foreign Trade". The document contained many errors, including that the particular information collection on which comments were being sought, the Customs Form (CF) 1300, is no longer called the "Master's Oath on Entry of Vessel in Foreign Trade". The CF 1300 is now called "the Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement". This document replaces the April 19, 2002 document.

**Request for Comments**

Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. The comments that are

submitted will be summarized and included in the Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement Form.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0060.

*Form Number:* Customs Form 1300.

*Abstract:* This form is used by a master of a vessel to attest to the truthfulness of all other forms associated with the manifest.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses, individuals, institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 21,991.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* \$314,470.

Dated: April 29, 2002.

**Tracey Denning,**

*Information Services Group.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Customs Service**

[T.D. 02-21]

**Duty-Free Treatment of Articles Imported in Connection With the 2002 World Basketball Championship for Men**

**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of designation of international athletic event for purposes of preferential tariff provision.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public of the designation of the 2002 World Basketball Championship for Men to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 29, 2002, through September 8, 2002, as a qualifying international athletic event under subheading 9817.60.00, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 6, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

T. James Min II, Office of Regulations & Rulings (202-927-1203).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 1456 of the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000 (the "Act") (Pub. L. 106-476, 114 Stat. 2101) promulgated the duty-free treatment provided under subheading 9817.60.00, HTSUS, for certain articles brought into the United States for certain international athletic events. Subheading 9817.60.00, HTSUS, which implements section 1456(a) of the Act, states:

Any of the following articles not intended for sale or distribution to the public: personal effects of aliens who are participants in, officials of, or accredited members of delegations to, an international athletic event held in the United States, such as the Olympics and Paralympics, the Goodwill Games, the Special Olympics World Games, the World Cup Soccer Games, or any similar international athletic event as the Secretary of the Treasury may determine, and of persons who are immediate family members of or servants to any of the foregoing persons; equipment and materials imported in connection with any such foregoing event by or on behalf of the foregoing persons or the organizing committee of such an event, articles to be used in exhibitions depicting the culture of a country participating in such an event; and, if consistent with the foregoing, such other articles as the Secretary of the Treasury may allow.

Section 1456(b) of the Act, as implemented in Note 6 of Subchapter XII, HTSUS, provides that "[a]ny article exempt from duty under heading 9817.60.00 shall be free of taxes and fees that may otherwise be applicable, but shall not be free or otherwise exempt or excluded from routine or other inspections as may be required by the Customs Service."

The 2002 World Basketball Championship for Men will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, from August 29, 2002, through September 8, 2002. This event is sponsored by the *Fédération Internationale de Basketball* (FIBA), which is basketball's international governing body. USA Basketball and the Indianapolis Sports Corporation also will sponsor the event, which features 16 national men's teams from five continents. These teams will be from the United States, Angola, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, China, Lebanon, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Spain, Germany, Russia, and New Zealand. A total of 62 games will be played over the 11-day event.

The Managing Director of the 2002 World Basketball Championship for Men has requested that the event be designated as a qualifying international athletic event for purposes of subheading 9817.60.00, HTSUS.