

October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority of October 19, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Queen Victoria and Thomas Sully," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum, New York, NY from September 18 to December 31, 2000 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 exhibit objects, contact Jacqueline Caldwell, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44; 301-4th Street, SW, Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: June 19, 2000.

William B. Bader,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-1999-6404]

Petition for Grandfathering of Non-Compliant Equipment: National Railroad Passenger Corp.; Closure of Comment Period; Date and Location of Public Hearing

On October 18, 1999, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for grandfathering approval of non-compliant passenger equipment manufactured by Renfe Talgo of America (Talgo) for use on rail lines between Vancouver, British Columbia and Eugene, Oregon; between Las Vegas, Nevada and Los Angeles, California; and between San Diego, California and San Luis Obispo, California. Notice of receipt of such petition was published in the **Federal Register** on November 2, 1999, at 64 FR 59230. Interested parties were invited to comment on the petition

before the end of the comment period (then December 2, 1999).

Through published notice in the **Federal Register**, FRA extended the comment period in this proceeding and explained the reasons therefor. See 65 FR 5723; Feb. 4, 2000. By notice published on February 29, 2000, FRA announced that the comment period in this proceeding would remain open to permit the resolution of issues involving Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for information related to this proceeding. 65 FR 10851. FRA has completed its responses to the FOIA requests, and placed copies of the documents provided to the FOIA requester in the public docket for this proceeding. Accordingly, FRA hereby announces that the comment period in this proceeding will close on August 2, 2000.

FRA also announces that, in accordance with 49 CFR 211.25 and 238.203(h), it has scheduled a public hearing on Amtrak's petition for grandfathering approval of the Talgo passenger trainsets. A public hearing is set for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2000, at the Federal Railroad Administration, 7th floor, conference room 1, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Interested parties are invited to present oral statements at the hearing. The hearing will be an informal one and will be conducted in accordance with FRA's Rules of Practice (49 CFR 211.25) by a representative designated by FRA. The hearing will be a non-adversarial proceeding; therefore, there will be no cross-examination of persons presenting statements. The FRA representative will make an opening statement outlining the scope of the hearing. After all initial statements have been completed, those persons wishing to make a brief rebuttal will be given the opportunity to do so in the same order in which initial statements were made. Additional procedures, as necessary for the conduct of the hearing, will be announced at the hearing.

All written comments concerning this proceeding should be identified with Docket Number FRA-1999-6404 and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Comments received within 30 days of publication of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken on Amtrak's petition. Comments received after that date will be considered by FRA to the extent practicable.

Amtrak's petition, documents inserted in the docket, and written communications concerning this

proceeding are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the DOT Central Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 Seventh, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Documents that cannot be accessed on the Internet, due to limitations on scanning large documents and color documents, are available for inspection and copying at the Federal Railroad Administration, Docket Clerk, 7th floor, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on June 27, 2000.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Notice of Public Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of a currently approved collection.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval the following proposal for collection of information as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: System Diagram Maps.

OMB Form Number: 2140-0003.

No. of Respondents: 38.

Total Burden Hours: 76.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments by July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Case Control, Surface Transportation Board, Room 705, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423. When submitting comments refer to the OMB number and title of the information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles L. Renninger, 202 565-1631. Requests for copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Ellen R. Keys (202) 565-1654.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Surface Transportation Board is, by