

its corresponding acronym, or (2) other appropriate identification as a System institution. Relevant statutory and regulatory designations, and their corresponding acronyms, are as follows:

- Agricultural Credit Bank or ACB.
- Bank for Cooperatives or BC.
- Farm Credit Bank or FCB.
- Agricultural Credit Association or ACA.
- Production Credit Association or PCA.
- Federal Land Credit Association or FLCA.
- Federal Land Bank Association or FLBA.

Other *appropriate identification* as a System institution includes the following:

- Farm Credit Services.
- Farm Credit.
- FCS.
- A member of the Farm Credit System.

Misleading names are those that a reasonable person might find confusing. For example, we would not issue a charter to an institution requesting a name that is the same as or similar to that of an existing institution because the public might find this confusing. Merely avoiding identical names is not enough; to minimize confusion, a proposed name must sufficiently distinguish an institution from other institutions. If the Agency had approved a charter for an institution using MyTown, ACA, as its official name, it would not issue a charter for an institution proposing ACA of MyTown or MyTown Farm Credit Services, ACA, as its official name. Nor would we issue a charter with the phrase "farm credit association" as part of the official name, because the inevitable use of the acronym "FCA" would be confused with the name of the Agency. Also, we would not approve a name for an institution that could cause the public to confuse that institution's authorities and services with those of a commercial bank, thrift institution, or credit union. For example, we would not issue a charter to a System institution requesting the term "national bank" in its official name because this could cause confusion regarding the services the institution may offer.

Trade Names

A System institution may use a trade name. The trade name may not be misleading. If an institution uses a trade name, it must use both the official and trade names in all written communications.

Related Issues

If an ACA and its subsidiaries operate under substantially different names,

they must clearly identify the parent/subsidiary relationship in all written communications. For example, if MyTown, PCA, is a subsidiary of EveryTown, ACA, the PCA must identify itself as a subsidiary of the parent ACA in its written communications.

Please note that while the FCA cannot reserve names, the Patent and Trademark Office will register names under certain conditions. When applying for a name change or new charter, System institutions should submit a statement indicating whether they have applied for a trademark in that name.

This statement addresses only FCA's policy. Other laws, such as Federal or state trademark laws, may apply. Institutions should ensure that their official and trade names do not infringe the trademarks or service marks of other companies. Institutions may wish to consult legal counsel to determine whether their proposed names could be challenged or protected under state or federal law.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2000 by order of the Board.

Dated: May 4, 2000.

Nan P. Mitchem,

Acting Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 011691-001.

Title: The COSCON/KL/YMUK Mediterranean/U.S. East and Gulf Coast Vessel Sharing Agreement.

Parties:

Cosco Container Lines
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.
Yangming (U.K.) Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed modification specifically authorized Cosco to subcharter space it receives from the other two parties to Zim Israel Navigation Company Ltd. The parties request expedited review.

Agreement No.: 011708.

Title: Zim/COSCON Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties:

Zim Israel Navigation Company Ltd.
COSCO Container Lines Co. Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement would permit the parties to charter space to one another and enter into related cooperative arrangements in the trade between United States East Coast ports and ports in countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea and inland points via all of the above ports. The parties request expedited review.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

May 2, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 9, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it