

discrimination based on marital status or political affiliation, you may file a written complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) (see contact information below). In the alternative (or in some cases, in addition), you may pursue a discrimination complaint by filing a grievance through your agency's administrative or negotiated grievance procedures, if such procedures apply and are available.

#### Whistleblower Protection Laws

A Federal employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend or approve any personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to evidence violations of law, rule or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless disclosure of such information is specifically prohibited by law and such information is specifically required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.

Retaliation against an employee or applicant for making a protected disclosure is prohibited by 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(8). If you believe that you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you may file a written complaint (Form OSC-11) with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel at 1730 M Street NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505 or online through the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

#### Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity

A Federal agency cannot retaliate against an employee or applicant because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed above. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

#### Disciplinary Actions

Under the existing laws, each agency retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline a Federal employee for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination and

Whistleblower Protection Laws up to and including removal. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, however, according to 5 U.S.C. 1214(f), agencies must seek approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

#### Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, as well as the appropriate offices within your agency (e.g., EEO/civil rights office, human resources office or legal office). Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation laws can be found at the EEOC Web site (<http://www.eeoc.gov>) and the OSC Web site (<http://www.osc.gov>).

#### Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

Dated: September 26, 2008.

**Roland E. Smith,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation Board.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Notice of Agreement Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on agreements to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within ten days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission's Web site (<http://www.fmc.gov>) or contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523-5793 or [tradeanalysis@fmc.gov](mailto:tradeanalysis@fmc.gov).

*Agreement No.:* 012051.

*Title:* CMA CGM-APL Space Charter Agreement.

*Parties:* CMA CGM, S.A.; American President Lines, Ltd.; and APL Co. Pte Ltd.

*Filing Party:* Draughn B. Arbona, Esq., Associate Counsel, CMA CGM (America) Inc., 5701 Lake Wright Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502-1858.

*Synopsis:* The agreement authorizes CMA to charter space to APL in the trade between U.S. East Coast ports and ports on the Mediterranean and Red Seas and on the Indian Subcontinent.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: September 26, 2008.

**Karen V. Gregory,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Ocean Transportation Intermediary License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission an application for license as a Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediary pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. Chapter 409 and 46 CFR 515).

Persons knowing of any reason why the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Transportation Intermediaries, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

### Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants

Pacific Freights International, 56-361 Peawini Place, Kahuku, HI 96731.

*Officers:* Epeli Katia, Managing Partner, (Qualifying Individual), Vilisoni Kotobalavu, CEO.

Dart Express (LAX) LLC, 821 W. Arbor Vitae Street, Inglewood, CA 90301.

*Officers:* John J. Hafferty, Vice President, Edward M. Piza, Vice President, (Qualifying Individual). ACS Logistics Inc., 5005 W. Royal Lane, Suite 198, Irving, TX 75063. *Officer:* George S. Jernigan, Asst. Secretary, (Qualifying Individual).

*Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder Transportation Intermediary Applicants*

Agiloc International, Inc., 400 Oyster Point Boulevard, So. San Francisco, CA 94080. *Officers:* Bugiharto Suheman, CEO, (Qualifying Individual), Jubily Boy, Secretary.