

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 01/31/2023, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Autauga, Barbour, Chambers, Conecuh, Coosa, Dallas, Elmore, Hale, Tallapoosa.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
<i>Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere</i>	2.375
<i>Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere</i>	2.375
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
<i>Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere</i>	2.375

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 17769 C and for economic injury is 17770 O.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Rafaela Monchek,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Recovery and Resilience.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11987]

Notice of Shipping Coordinating Committee Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization LEG 110 Meeting

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, both in-person at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, and via teleconference. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 110th session of the International Maritime Organization's

(IMO) Legal Committee (LEG 110) to be held in London, United Kingdom from March 27 to March 31, 2023.

Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line, which can handle 500 participants or up to the seating capacity of the room if attending in-person. The meeting location will be the United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 6K15-15, and the teleconference line will be provided to those who RSVP. To RSVP, participants should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. Stephen Hubchen, by email at Stephen.K.Hubchen@uscg.mil.

Mr. Hubchen will provide access information for in-person and virtual attendance. The agenda items to be considered at this meeting mirror those to be considered at LEG 110, and include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Report of the Secretary-General on credentials
- Facilitation of the entry into force and harmonized interpretation of the 2010 HNS Protocol
- Fair treatment of seafarers:
 - a. Provision of financial security in case of abandonment of seafarers, and shipowners' responsibilities in respect of contractual claims for personal injury to, or death of, seafarers, in light of the progress of amendments to the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
 - b. Fair treatment of seafarers in the event of a maritime accident
 - c. Fair treatment of seafarers detained on suspicion of committing maritime crimes
 - d. Guidelines for port State and flag State authorities on how to deal with seafarer abandonment cases
- Advice and guidance in connection with the implementation of IMO instruments
- (a) Impact on shipping and seafarers of the situation in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov
- Measures to prevent unlawful practices associated with the fraudulent registration and fraudulent registries of ships
- Measures to assess the need to amend liability limits
- Claims Manual for the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001
- Piracy and armed robbery against ships
- Guidance for the proper implementation and application of IMO liability and compensation conventions
- Work of other IMO bodies
- Technical cooperation activities related to maritime legislation

- Review of the status of conventions and other treaty instruments emanating from the Legal Committee
- Work programme
- Election of officers
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee on its 110th session

Please note: The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the LEG 110 agenda to accommodate the constraints associated with the meeting format. Any changes to the agenda will be reported to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate should contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. Stephen Hubchen, by email at Stephen.K.Hubchen@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1198, or in writing at United States Coast Guard (CG-LMI-P), ATTN: Mr. Stephen Hubchen, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE Stop 7509, Washington DC 20593-7509 not later than March 14, 2023. Please note, that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon request).

Additionally, members of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise the meeting coordinator not later than March 14, 2023. Requests made after that date will be considered but might not be able to fulfill.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2656 and 5 U.S.C. 552)

Emily A. Rose,

Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

30-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval of Collection: Statutory Authority To Preserve Rail Service

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (Board) gives

notice of its intent to request from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval without change of the existing collection, Preservation of Rail Service, OMB Control No. 2140-0022, as described below.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by March 9, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be identified as “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board, Statutory Authority to Preserve Rail Service.” Written comments for the proposed information collection should be submitted via www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. This information collection can be accessed by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. As an alternative, written comments may be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Michael J. McManus, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer; via email at oira_submission@omb.eop.gov; by fax at (202) 395-1743;

or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Please also direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, PRA Officer, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to PRA@stb.gov. When submitting comments, please refer to “Statutory Authority to Preserve Rail Service.” For further information regarding this collection, contact Mike Higgins at (866) 254-1792 (toll-free) or 202-245-0238, or by emailing rcpa@stb.gov. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 69074 (Nov. 17, 2022)). That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

Comments are requested concerning each collection as to (1) whether the particular collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Board’s

burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) 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, when appropriate. Submitted comments will be included and summarized in the Board’s request for OMB approval.

Subject: In this notice, the Board is requesting comments on the extension of the following information collection:

Description of Collection

Title: Preservation of Rail Service.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0022.

STB Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Affected shippers, communities, or other interested persons seeking to preserve rail service over rail lines that are proposed or identified for abandonment, and railroads that are required to provide information to the offeror or applicant: Approximately 15.

Frequency: On occasion, as follows:

TABLE—NUMBER OF YEARLY RESPONSES

Type of filing	Estimated annual average number of filings (2019–2022)
Offer of Financial Assistance (and related filings)	1
Request for Public Use Condition	1
Feeder Line Application	1
Trail Use Request (with extensions)	13

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 185 hours (total of estimated hours per response ×

number of responses for each type of filing).

TABLE—ESTIMATED TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Type of filing	Estimated annual average number of filings (2019–2021)	Number of hours per response	Total estimated burden hours
Offer of Financial Assistance (and related filings)	1	46	46
Request for Public Use Condition	1	4	4
Feeder Line Application	1	70	70
Trail Use Request (with extensions)	13	5	65
Total burden hours			185

Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost: While the collections are submitted electronically to the Board, respondents are sometimes required to send consultation letters to various other governmental agencies. Copies of these letters are part of an environmental and

historic report that must be filed with this collection (unless waived by the Board). Because some of these other agencies may require hard copy letters, there may be some limited mailing costs, which staff estimates in total to be approximately \$1,800.00.

Needs and Uses: The Surface Transportation Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of common carrier freight railroads and certain other carriers operating in the United States. Under the laws the Board administers, persons seeking to preserve

rail service may file pleadings before the Board to acquire or subsidize a rail line for continued service, or to impose a trail use or public use condition.

When a line is proposed for abandonment, affected shippers, communities, or other interested persons may seek to preserve rail service by filing with the Board: an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to subsidize or purchase a rail line for which a railroad is seeking abandonment (49 U.S.C. 10904), including a request for the Board to set terms and conditions of the financial assistance; a request for a public use condition (§ 10905); or a trail use request (16 U.S.C. 1247(d)). Similarly, when a line is placed on a system diagram map identifying it as an anticipated or potential candidate for abandonment, affected shippers, communities, or other interested persons may seek to preserve rail service by filing with the Board a feeder line application to purchase the identified rail line (§ 10907). Additionally, the railroad owning the rail line subject to abandonment must, in some circumstances, provide information to the applicant or offeror.

As to trail use, the STB will issue a CITU or NITU to a prospective trail sponsor who seeks an interim trail use agreement with the rail carrier of the rail line that is being abandoned. The CITU/NITU permits parties to negotiate for an interim trail use agreement. The parties may also agree to an extension of the negotiating period. If parties reach an agreement, then they must jointly notify the Board of that fact and of any modification or vacancy of the agreement. There is a one-year period for any initial interim trail use negotiating period (with potential extensions).

The Board makes this submission because, under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: February 2, 2023.

Raina White,

Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2023–0001]

Interim Extension and Request for Comments on COVID-Related Product Exclusions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In prior notices, the U.S. Trade Representative modified the actions in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation by excluding from additional duties certain medical-care products needed to address COVID, and subsequently extended certain of these exclusions. The current COVID exclusions—covering 81 medical-care products—are scheduled to expire on February 28, 2023. In light of developments in the production capacity of the United States, and continuing efforts to combat COVID, USTR is requesting public comments on whether to further extend particular exclusions. This notice also announces the U.S. Trade Representative's determination to adopt an interim, 75-day extension of the 81 COVID related product exclusions to allow for consideration of public comments.

DATES:

February 6, 2023: The public docket on the web portal at <http://comments.USTR.gov> will open for interested persons to submit comments.

March 7, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. ET: To be assured of consideration, submit written comments on the public docket by this time.

The interim extension announced in this notice will extend the COVID-related product exclusions through May 15, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You must submit all comments through the online portal: <https://comments.ustr.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Associate General Counsel

Philip Butler or Assistant General Counsel Edward Marcus at (202) 395–5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

In the course of this investigation, the U.S. Trade Representative has imposed additional duties on products of China in four tranches. *See* 83 FR 28719 (June 20, 2018); 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018); 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), as modified by 83 FR 49153 (September 28, 2018); and 84 FR 43304 (August 20, 2019), as modified by 84 FR 69447 (December 18, 2019) and 85 FR 3741 (January 22, 2020).

For each tranche, the U.S. Trade Representative established a process by which interested persons could request the exclusion of particular products from the additional duties.

On March 25, 2020, USTR requested public comments on proposed modifications to exclude from additional duties certain medical-care products related to the U.S. response to COVID. 85 FR 16987 (March 25, 2020).

On December 29, 2020, USTR announced 99 product exclusions for medical-care products and products related to the U.S. COVID response. The December 29 notice further provided that the U.S. Trade Representative might consider further extensions and/or modifications as appropriate. *See* 85 FR 85831.

These 99 exclusions were later extended until September 30, 2021. 86 FR 13785. On August 27, 2021, USTR published a notice requesting public comments on whether any of these exclusions should be further extended for up to six months. 86 FR 48280. To provide time for USTR to review the comments it received in response to the August 27 notice, the 99 exclusions were subsequently extended. *See* 86 FR 54011 (September 29, 2021).

On November 16, 2021, USTR announced the U.S. Trade Representative's determination to extend of 81 of the COVID exclusions for an additional six months (until May 31, 2022). *See* 86 FR 63438 (November 16, 2021) (November 16, 2021 notice). The notice further provided that the U.S. Trade Representative might consider further extensions and/or modifications as appropriate. 86 FR 63438. These 81 exclusions were subsequently extended through February 28, 2023. *See* 87 FR 33871 (June 03, 2022); 87 FR 73383 (November 29, 2022).