

observed reproductive effects on birds and other wildlife. However, a number of scientific and technical issues are involved in performing the needed assessments such as the proper treatment of mixtures, identification of the critical effects, and proper exposure metrics. This report explains the proper use of data for individual congeners and identifies developmental effects from *in ovo* exposures as the proper endpoint. It also deals with the problem of evaluating a large and heterogeneous literature by identifying a set of appropriate avian toxicity data. Another assessment issue is the lack of a standard or generally accepted method for modeling effects on wildlife or calculating screening benchmarks. This problem is exacerbated by the fact that wildlife test methods are not well standardized, except in pesticide registration. Hence, although there is a plethora of test data for dioxin-like chemicals and wildlife, relatively little of it was suitable for assessment. Finally, the chronic data were not as useful as they could have been, because test results in the literature were nearly always expressed as statistically significant concentrations rather than biological effects levels. The report presents alternative ways to deal with these issues.

Dated: December 23, 2003.

**Peter W. Preuss, Director,**  
National Center for Environmental  
Assessment.

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements 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, NW., Room 940. 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.:* 011284-054.

*Title:* Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association Agreement ("OCEMA").

*Parties:* APL Co. Pte. Ltd.; American President Lines, Ltd.; A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S, trading under the name of Maersk Sealand; CMA CGM, S.A.; Compania

Sudamericana de Vapores, S.A.; Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd.; Hanjin Shipping Co., Ltd.; Hamburg-Südamerikanische Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft KG; Hapag-Lloyd Container Linie GmbH; Hyundai Merchant Marine Co. Ltd.; Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd.; Lykes Lines Limited, LLC; TMM Lines Limited, LLC; Contship Containerlines, a division of CP Ships (UK) Limited; Australia-New Zealand Direct Line, a division of CP Ships (UK) Limited; Orient Overseas Container Line Limited; P&O Nedlloyd Limited; P&O Nedlloyd B.V.; Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line; Yangming Marine Transport Corp.; COSCO Containerlines Company Limited; Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.; and Crowley Maritime Corporation.

*Synopsis:* The proposed agreement amendment would delete provisions allowing for associate membership and add language that describes more specifically the agreement authority regarding charges relating to the interchange of ocean carrier equipment.

*Agreement No.:* 011517-009.

*Title:* APL/HSDG/Lykes/Evergreen Vessel Sharing Agreement.

*Parties:* American President Lines Ltd./APL Co, PTE LTD, Hamburg-Südamerikanische Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft KG, Lykes Lines Limited, LLC, and Evergreen Marine Corp (Taiwan) Ltd.

*Synopsis:* The amendment amends the trade names and addresses of certain of the parties, changes the name of the agreement and restates the agreement.

*Agreement No.:* 011741-006.

*Title:* U.S. Pacific Coast-Oceania Agreement.

*Parties:* A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S, trading under the name of Maersk Sealand; Australia-New Zealand Direct Line, a division of CP Ships (UK) Limited/Lykes Lines Limited LLC; FESCO Ocean Management Limited; Hamburg-Südamerikanische Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft KG; P&O Nedlloyd Limited/P&O Nedlloyd B.V.

*Synopsis:* The proposed agreement amendment would add provisions allowing the parties to alter the number of vessels they deploy, within a limited range, without amending their agreement.

Dated: December 31, 2003.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

*Bryant L. VanBrakle, Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 30, 2004.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *City Bancorp*, Springfield, Missouri; to merge with Signature Bancshares, Inc., Springfield, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Signature Bank, Springfield, Missouri.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 31, 2003.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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