

- Consideration and analysis of reports on alleged inadequacy of port reception facilities;
- Lessons learned and safety issues identified from the analysis of marine safety investigation reports;
- Measures to harmonize port state control (PSC) activities and procedures worldwide;
- Identified issues related to the implementation of IMO instruments from the analysis of PSC data;
- Analysis of consolidated audit summary reports;
- Updated survey guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC);
- Non-exhaustive list of obligations under the instruments relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code); and
- Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment related conventions.
- Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to address plastic litter from ships.
- Review the model agreement for the authorization of recognized organizations acting on behalf of the Administration.

Please note: The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the III 7 agenda to accommodate the constraints associated with the virtual meeting format. Any changes to the agenda will be reported to those who RSVP and those in attendance at the meeting.

Those who plan to participate may contact the meeting coordinator, Mr. Christopher Gagnon, by email at christopher.j.gagnon@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1231, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7501, Washington DC 20593-7509. Members of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise Mr. Gagnon not later than June 23, 2021. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill.

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

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

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1094X]

City of Los Angeles—Abandonment Exemption—in Los Angeles County, Cal.

The City of Los Angeles (the City) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 2.6-mile portion of a rail line known as the San Pedro Subdivision extending from milepost 4.00 (north of Front Street and east of the Gaffey Street Lead) to the end of the line at milepost 6.60 in Los Angeles County, Cal. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 90731.

The City has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic will need to be rerouted because the Line is stub-ended; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7 and 1105.8 (notice of environmental and historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.9 (Coastal Zone Management Act), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,¹ the exemption will be effective on July 7, 2021, unless stayed pending reconsideration. The City simultaneously has filed in this proceeding a petition for exemption from the OFA provisions at 49 U.S.C. 10904 and the public use provisions at

49 U.S.C. 10905.² That petition will be addressed in a subsequent decision.

Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2), and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by June 17, 2021.⁴ Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 28, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 1094X, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on the City's representative, Allison I. Fultz, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, 1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

The City has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) by June 11, 2021. The Draft EA will be available to interested persons on the Board's website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the Draft EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or interim trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), the City shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to

² While this is not the preferred procedural approach, it will be permitted here. See *Union Pac. R.R.—Aban. Exemption—in Adams, Weld & Boulder Cntys., Colo.*, AB 33 (Sub-No. 307X), slip op. at 1 n.2 (STB served Oct. 18, 2012) (“Even if the abandonment is eligible for a class exemption, if a petitioner also seeks exemptions that must be ruled upon by the entire Board, the better practice is to file one petition for exemption seeking both the abandonment and any other requested exemptions.”).

³ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

⁴ Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

¹ Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (i.e., subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by the City's filing of a notice of consummation by June 7, 2022, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: June 1, 2021.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2021-0004]

Notice of Action in the Section 301 Investigation of Italy's Digital Services Tax

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On January 6, 2021, the U.S. Trade Representative announced a determination that Italy's Digital Services Tax (DST) is unreasonable or discriminatory and burdens or restricts U.S. commerce. This notice announces the U.S. Trade Representative's determination to take action in the form of additional duties of 25 percent on the products of Italy specified in Annex A to this notice. The U.S. Trade Representative has further determined to suspend application of the additional duties for a period of up to 180 days.

DATES:

June 2, 2021: The U.S. Trade Representative determined to take action in the form of additional duties of 25 percent on products of Italy specified in Annex A.

November 29, 2021: The end of the 180-day suspension period for the additional duties.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning the investigation, please contact Benjamin Allen, Thomas Au, or Patrick Childress, Assistant General Counsels at: (202) 395-9439, (202) 395-0380, and (202) 385-9531, respectively; Robert Tanner, Director, Services and Investment at (202) 395-6125; or Michael Rogers, Director for Europe and the Middle East at (202) 395-2684. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of additional duties on products, contact traderemedycbp.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Proceedings in the Investigation

Italy has adopted a DST that applies to companies that during the previous calendar year, generated €750 million or more in worldwide revenues and €5.5 million or more in revenues deriving from the provision of digital services in Italy. On June 2, 2020, the U.S. Trade Representative initiated an investigation of Italy's DST pursuant to section 302(b)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act). *See* 85 FR 34709 (June 5, 2020) (notice of initiation). The notice of initiation solicited written comments on, *inter alia*, the following aspects of Italy's DST: Discrimination against U.S. companies; retroactivity; and possibly unreasonable tax policy. With respect to tax policy, USTR solicited comments on, *inter alia*, whether the DST diverged from principles reflected in the U.S. and international tax systems including extraterritoriality; taxing revenue not income; and a purpose of penalizing particular technology companies for their commercial success. Interested persons filed over 380 written submissions in response. The public submissions are available on www.regulations.gov in docket number USTR-2020-0022.

Under section 303 of the Trade Act, the U.S. Trade Representative requested consultations with the government of Italy regarding the issues involved in the investigation. Consultations were held on November 10, 2020. Based on information obtained during the investigation, USTR prepared a comprehensive report on Italy's DST, which is posted on the USTR website at <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/enforcement/section-301-investigations/section-301-digital-services-taxes>. The report includes a full description of Italy's DST, and supports findings that Italy's DST is unreasonable and discriminatory and burdens or restricts U.S. commerce. On January 6, 2021, based on the information obtained during the investigation and the advice of the Section 301 Committee, the U.S. Trade Representative determined that Italy's DST is unreasonable or discriminatory and burdens or restricts U.S. commerce, and therefore is actionable under sections 301(b) and 304(a) of the Trade Act. *See* 86 FR 2477 (January 12, 2021).

On March 31, 2021, USTR issued a notice proposing that appropriate action would include additional *ad valorem* duties of up to 25 percent on products of Italy to be drawn from a list of 59 tariff subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

(HTSUS) included in the annex to that notice. The March 31, 2021 notice requested comments on the proposed action as well as on other potential actions in the investigation. Witnesses provided testimony at public hearings on May 3 and May 6, 2021, and interested persons filed written comments. Transcripts from the hearings are available on the USTR website at: <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/enforcement/section-301-investigations/section-301-digital-services-taxes>. The written public submissions are available at: <https://comments.ustr.gov/s/docket?docketNumber=USTR-2021-0004> and <https://comments.ustr.gov/s/docket?docketNumber=USTR-2021-0008>.

II. Determination of Action To Be Taken in the Investigation

In accordance with section 301(b) of the Trade Act, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that action is appropriate in this investigation. Section 301(b) provides that upon determining that the acts, policies, and practices under investigation are actionable and that action is appropriate, the U.S. Trade Representative shall take all appropriate and feasible action authorized under section 301(c) of the Trade Act, subject to the specific direction, if any, of the President regarding such action, and all other appropriate and feasible action within the power of the President that the President may direct the U.S. Trade Representative to take under section 301(b), to obtain the elimination of that act, policy, or practice. Section 304(a)(2)(B) provides that the U.S. Trade Representative shall make the determination of what action to take on or before the date that is 12 months after the date on which the investigation was initiated, or in this case, by June 2, 2021.

Pursuant to sections 301(b) and (c) of the Trade Act, and in accordance with the advice of the Section 301 Committee, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that appropriate action is the imposition of *ad valorem* duties of 25 percent on products of Italy specified in Annex A to this notice. Annex A contains a list of 44 tariff subheadings, with an estimated trade value for calendar year 2019 of approximately \$386 million. In making this determination, the U.S. Trade Representative considered the public comments submitted in the investigation, as well as advice of advisory committees. In determining the level of trade covered by the additional duties, the U.S. Trade Representative considered the value of digital