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NHTSA is mailing a copy of the 2000 booklet to each dealer on the mailing list that the Department of Energy uses to distribute the "Gas Mileage Guide." Dealers will have the responsibility of reproducing a sufficient number of copies of the booklet to assure that they are available for retention by prospective purchasers by [30 days after date of publication]. Dealers who do not receive a copy of the booklet within 15 days of the date of this notice should contact Ms. Rosalind Proctor of NHTSA's Office of Planning and Consumer Programs (202) 366-0846 to receive a copy of the booklet and to be added to the mailing list. Dealers may also obtain a copy of the booklet through the NHTSA web page at: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/InsCost/InsCost. (49 U.S.C. 32302; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50(f).)

Issued on: February 28, 2000.

Stephen R. Kraztke,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33746]

Mississippi Rail Group, Inc.—Lease Exemption—State of Mississippi

Mississippi Rail Group, Inc. (MRG), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to lease from the State of Mississippi approximately 21.4 miles of rail line from milepost 0.2, at Aberdeen Junction, to milepost 21.66, at Kosciusko, in Holmes and Attala Counties, MS. MRG will be the operator of the line.

MRG states that the lease of the rail line was consummated on or about October 27, 1998. MRG filed its verified notice of exemption with the Board on February 14, 2000. Thus, the effective date of the exemption is February 21, 2000 (7 days after the exemption was filed).

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33746, must be filed with

the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Mr. David E. Delatte, Sr., President, Mississippi Rail Group, Inc., P.O. Box 278, Kosciusko, MS 39090.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: February 24, 2000.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of International Investment; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Office of International Investment within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the information collection provisions of the Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons, 31 CFR 800.402.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 1, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Gay Sills, Director, Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 4201NY, Washington, D.C. 20220 (Tel.: 202/622-1860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Dempsey, Economist (Tel.: 202/622-1860), Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220; Francine McNulty Barber, Senior Counsel, Department of the Treasury, Room 2010, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220, (202/622-1947).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons.

OMB Number: 1505-0121.

Abstract: The information request in this proposed collection is contained in section 800.402. The information collected under these regulations is used by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), an inter-agency committee chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and comprised of the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury and Commerce, the Attorney General, the U.S. Trade Representative, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Assistants to the President for National Security, National Economic Policy, and Science and Technology. The President has delegated to CFIUS the President's authority under section 721 of the Defense Production Act to determine the effects on the national security of acquisitions proposed or pending after the date of enactment (August 23, 1988) by or with foreign persons that could result in foreign control of persons engaged in interstate commerce in the United States.

Current Actions: Extension.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Foreign businesses and foreign individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: This varies, depending on individual circumstances, with an average of 60 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6000 hours.

Requests for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: February 14, 2000.

Francine McNulty Barber,

*Senior Counsel, Office of the Assistant
General Counsel for International Affairs.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 00-12]

Retraction of Revocation Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service,
Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects an erroneous Treasury Decision (T.D.) designation on a document recently published in the **Federal Register**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 25, 2000, Customs published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 10152) a general notice advising the public that three Customs broker license references had been erroneously included in a list of revoked Customs broker licenses previously published in the **Federal Register**. However, that February 25, 2000, notice was incorrectly designated in the headings section as Treasury Decision (T.D.) 00-9; the designation should have read "T.D. 00-12". This document corrects that designation error.

Correction of Publication

In the general notice published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 10152 on February 25, 2000, as Treasury Decision 00-9, the reference to "T.D. 00-9" in the headings section is corrected to read T.D. 00-12".

Dated: February 28, 2000.

Harold M. Singer,

Chief, Regulations Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Renewal of the Generalized System of Preferences

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: The Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) is a renewable preferential trade program that allows the eligible products of designated

developing countries to directly enter the United States free of duty. The GSP program expired on June 30, 1999, but has been renewed through September 30, 2001, effective December 17, 1999, with retroactive effect to July 1, 1999, by a provision in the Ticket To Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. This document provides notice to importers that Customs is again accepting claims for GSP duty-free treatment for merchandise entered, or withdrawn from a warehouse, for consumption and that Customs is processing refunds on all duties paid, with interest from the date the duties were deposited, on GSP-eligible merchandise that was entered during the period that the GSP program was lapsed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general operational questions:

Formal entries: Leon Hayward, 202-927-9704

Informal entries: John Considine, 202-927-0042

Mail entries: Robert Woods, 202-927-1236

Passenger claims: Wes Windle, 202-927-0167

For specific questions relating to the Automated Commercial System: James Halpin, Office of Information and Technology, 703-921-7128.

Questions from filers regarding ABI transmissions should be directed to their ABI client representatives. Persons with other questions regarding this notice may contact Leon Hayward, International Agreements, 202-927-9704.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 501 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2461), authorizes the President to establish a Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) to provide duty-free treatment for eligible articles imported directly from designated beneficiary countries for specific time periods. Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2465, as amended by section 1011(a) of Pub. L. 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681, duty-free treatment under the GSP program expired on June 30, 1999.

On December 17, 1999, the President signed the Ticket To Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-170, 113 Stat. 1860). Section 508 of Pub. L. 106-170 pertains to the extension of duty-free treatment and the retroactive application for certain liquidations and reliquidations under the GSP. Section 508 provides that GSP duty-free treatment shall be applied to eligible articles from designated beneficiary countries that are

entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 1, 1999, through September 30, 2001. Further, regarding any entries made after June 30, 1999 through December 16, 1999, to which duty-free treatment would have applied if GSP had been in effect during that time period, any duty paid with respect to any such entry shall be refunded provided that a request for liquidation or reliquidation of that entry, containing sufficient information to enable Customs to locate the entry or to reconstruct the entry if it cannot be located, is filed with Customs by June 14, 2000 (within 180 days after the date of Pub. L. 106-170's enactment).

Recognizing the impact that retroactive renewal and consequent numerous reliquidations will have on both importers and Customs, Customs developed a mechanism to facilitate refunds (*see, Federal Register* Notice of June 4, 1997, 62 FR 30672). On January 7, 2000, Customs began processing refunds due to the recent renewal of the GSP. Customs expects the processing of refunds to take from four to eight weeks for certain formal Automated Broker Interface (ABI) entries.

Duty-Free Entry Summaries

Effective December 17, 1999, filers again are entitled to file GSP-eligible entry summaries without the payment of estimated duties.

Refunds With Interest

A. Formal Entries

Customs will liquidate or reliquidate all affected entry summaries and refund any duties deposited for items qualifying for GSP and for which requests for liquidation or reliquidation are timely filed. Field locations shall not issue GSP refunds except as instructed to do so by Customs Headquarters.

If an ABI entry summary was filed with payment of estimated duties using the Special Program Indicator (SPI) for the GSP (the letter "A") as a prefix to the tariff number, no further action by the filer is required; filings with the SPI "A" will be treated as conforming requests for refunds. If an ABI entry summary was filed with payment of estimated duties without the use of the SPI "A" as a prefix to the tariff number, a refund of duties deposited must be requested in writing as described below for non-ABI entry summaries.

Non-ABI filers must request a refund in writing from the Port Director at the port of entry by June 14, 2000, regardless if they previously designated a refund on the Customs Form 7501 by using the SPI "A" code. The letter may cover either single entry summaries or