

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is hereby amended to include Public Assistance in the following areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 18, 1996:

The counties of Adams and Bedford for Public Assistance. (Already designated for Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation.)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

Dennis H. Kwiatkowski,

Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties may inspect and obtain a copy of each agreement at the Washington, D.C. Office of the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., 9th Floor. Interested parties may submit comments on each agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573, within 10 days after the date of the Federal Register in which this notice appears. The requirements for comments are found in section 572.603 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interested persons should consult this section before communicating with the Commission regarding a pending agreement.

Agreement No.: 202-011284-028

Title: Equipment Interchange Discussion Agreement

Parties:

American President Lines, Ltd.
A.P. Moller-Maersk Line
Hapag-Lloyd A.G.
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.
Nedlloyd Lijnen B.V.
Neptune Orient Lines, Ltd.
Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line
Orient Overseas Container Line
P&O Containers Limited
Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment revises Article 5.1 by clarifying the Agreement's authority of two or more parties to meet, discuss and agree upon matters in the trade. It also deletes language from Article 5.1 pertaining to the discussion of rates, charges, or other terms of

transportation made available to shippers. In addition, it adds a new Article 5.7 regarding interstitial agreements.

Agreement No.: 232-011466-002

Title: Container Transport Agreement

Parties:

Compagnie Maritime d'Affretement
DSR-Senator Lines

Cho Yang Shipping Co. Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment deletes Articles 5 (b) and (c) pertaining to the Agreement's authority to discuss and reach voluntary non-binding agreement on rates and other matters. The parties have requested a shortened review period.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: August 21, 1996.

Joseph C. Polking,

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. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also 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, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible

adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

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 September 19, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *MarTex Bancshares, Inc.*, Marshall, Texas; to merge with Heritage Texas Group, Inc., Pittsburg, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire First Heritage Bank, N.A., Pittsburg, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 20, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson

Deputy Secretary of the Board

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Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may

express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 9, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Christopher J. McCurdy, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045:

1. *Bayerische Vereinsbank AG*, Munich, Germany; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, VB Structured Finance Inc., New York, New York, in commercial finance activities, including project finance, trade finance, acquisition finance, real estate loans, debtor in possession financing, and the provision of liquidity lines to asset-backed commercial paper conduits, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

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

1. *Joseph Thomas McLane*, as conservator for *Jerry F. McLane*, Poplar Bluff, Missouri; to acquire an additional 43.40 percent, for a total of 43.42 percent, of the voting shares of Midwest Bancshares, Inc., Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Carter County State Bank, Van Buren, Missouri, First Midwest Bank of Dexter, Dexter, Missouri, First Midwest Bank of Chaffee, and First Midwest Bank of Piedmont, Piedmont, Missouri.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 20, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson

Deputy Secretary of the Board

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirements described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The FTC is soliciting public comments on proposed extensions of Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for information collection requirements contained in twelve rules issued or enforced by the Commission. These OMB clearances expire on December 31, 1996. The FTC proposes that OMB extend its approvals through December 31, 1999.

DATES: Comments due: October 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3228, Washington, D.C. 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Federal Trade Commission, and to Elaine W. Crockett, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-2453.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information requirements should be addressed to Elaine W. Crockett at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FTC will submit the proposed information collections to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collections of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility, (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The FTC attempts to minimize the burden of collections of information on the public whenever possible. In this regard it should be noted that the great majority of the disclosure requirements discussed below entail burdens associated with statutorily required disclosure provisions. For example, the Truth-in-Lending, Textile Act, and Fair Packaging Regulations all involve large burden estimates, totaling approximately 69 million burden hours. Much of this burden reflects statutory provisions that require the disclosure of such basic consumer information as the annual percentage interest rate charged on loans, the composition of clothing and other textile items, and the size and content of packaged products. While the burden imposed on any individual party is often quite small (sometimes measured in seconds), the number of affected parties is often very high (sometimes measured in millions), and the total burden is therefore large. See e.g., the Regulations implementing the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, and the Consumer Leasing Act.

The great majority of the recordkeeping and reporting provisions discussed below entail burdens that are necessary for the enforcement of the regulation and/or statute. In some instances, these recordkeeping requirements are statutorily mandated. See, e.g., the regulations implementing the Fur Products Labeling Act. In most instances, the regulated entities keep these records in the normal course of business, and thus these recordkeeping requirements do not impose an additional "burden" on members of the public. See 5 C.F.R. § 1320.3(b)(2) (burden hours exclude effort that would be expended regardless of any regulatory requirement).

1. Collection Title: The Games of Chance Rule, 16 C.F.R. Part 419

OMB Control Number: 3084-0067.

Description of the collection of information and proposed use: The Rule establishes both recordkeeping and disclosure requirements for food and gasoline retailers in conducting and advertising games of chance. The Rule requires that games promoters retain records showing compliance with certain provisions, and identify winners, prizes, and number of game pieces. The recordkeeping requirements assist in the enforcement of the Rule.