

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* PTC23 EUR-JK 0005 dated November 15, 1996 r1-47 Europe-Japan/Korea resos Correction—PTC23 EUR-JK 0006 dated November 26, 1996, Minutes—PTC23 EUR-JK 0007 dated November 26, 1996, Tables—PTC23 EUR-J/K Fares dated November 22, 1996 Intended effective date: April 1, 1997.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2000.

*Date filed:* December 4, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* TC12 Telex Mail Vote 841, Fuel-related fare increase between U.S. and Austria, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Scandinavia and Switzerland (not applicable to Alliance Airlines) Intended effective date: December 15, 1996.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2002.

*Date filed:* December 6, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* PTC COMP Telex Mail vote 844, Netherlands Security & Passenger Service charges Intended effective date: January 1, 1997.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2003.

*Date filed:* December 6, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* PTC1 Telex Mail Vote 843 Excursion Fares within South America Intended effective date: January 1, 1997. Myrna F. Adams,

*Acting Chief, Documentary Services.*

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#### **Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending December 6, 1996**

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2001.

*Date filed:* December 4, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* January 1, 1997.

*Description:* Application of Swissair, Swiss Air Transport Company, Ltd., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41301 and 41302, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for an amendment to its foreign air carrier permit to authorize Swissair to provide (a) scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail "from points behind Switzerland via Switzerland and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond," as provided in Annex I of the Open Skies Agreement, together with all of the operational rights provided for in that Annex and (b) charter service in foreign air transportation for passengers (and their accompanying baggage) and/or cargo to the full extent permitted by Annex II of the Open Skies Agreement.

Myrna F. Adams,

*Acting Chief, Documentary Services.*

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#### **Coast Guard**

[CGD 96-065]

#### **Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Request for Applications**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is seeking applicants for appointment to membership on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC). The Committee is a 19-member Federal Advisory committee that advises the Coast Guard on matters related to the training, qualification, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine.

**DATES:** Membership applications should be received no later than February 19, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons interested in applying for membership on MERPAC may obtain an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-1), room 1210, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or by calling (202) 267-0229 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Requests may also be submitted by facsimile at (202) 267-4570.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CDR Greg T. Jones, Executive Director, or Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant Executive Director, MERPAC, room 1210, U.S.

Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001, (202) 267-0229.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MERPAC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) to advise the Coast Guard on merchant marine personnel issues. Six current appointments will expire in 1996.

Applicants with one or more of the following backgrounds are needed to fill the positions:

- (a) Shipping company representative.
- (b) Deck Officer.
- (c) Public representative.
- (d) Two marine educator representatives.

(e) Engineering officer (preferably with a limited horsepower endorsement).

The membership term is 3 years. No member may hold more than two consecutive 3-year terms.

The Coast Guard is seeking greater representation from the inland and rivers maritime communities, particularly in the position of Engineering Officer (limited Chief Engineer or Designated Duty Engineer). Although the Coast Guard was seeking increased representation from these same communities during the last selection process, it was not totally successful in filling the positions.

To achieve the desired balance of membership, the Coast Guard is especially interested in receiving applications from minorities and women. The members of the Committee serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem may be provided. The Committee normally meets twice a year, once in Washington, D.C., and once elsewhere in the country. Working group meetings may be authorized for specific problems as required.

Applicants may be required to complete an Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (SF 450).

Dated: December 9, 1996.

Joseph J. Angelo,

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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#### **Federal Railroad Administration**

##### **Petition for a Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received from Trinity Industries,

Incorporated a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Trinity Industries, Incorporated

*Docket Number: SA-96-5*

Trinity Industries, Incorporated seeks a waiver of compliance from certain sections of Title 49 CFR Part 231, Railroad Safety Appliance Standards. Trinity is requesting a permanent waiver of the provisions of 49 CFR 231.21(b)(2) and 231.21(j)(2)(vi) requiring that platforms be of a minimum thickness of one and three-quarter inches. Trinity requests that this requirement be waived and instead requirements similar to those found at section 231.1(c)(4)(iii) be applied.

Section 231.1(c)(4)(iii) refers to running boards and requires that they be made of wood or material which provides the same as or a greater degree of safety than wood of 1 1/8 inches thickness. When made of material other than wood, the tread surface shall be of anti-skid design and constructed with sufficient open space to permit the elimination of snow and ice from the tread surface.

The requirements of 49 CFR 231.21 refers to Tank Cars Without Underframes. Section 231.21(b) requires that there be two end platforms with a minimum width of 10 inches and a minimum thickness of 1 3/4 inches. Section 231.21(j) requires that there be one operating platform with a minimum width of 7 inches and a minimum thickness of 1 3/4 inches.

Trinity advised that the typical construction of platforms by them and other manufacturers for tank cars without underframes is to construct a frame of members 2 to 3 inches deep with cross support members. A grating meeting the requirements of section 231.1 (c)(4)(iii) is secured to the cross supports with bolts or rivets not less than 1/2-inch diameter.

The interest in this change stems from the basic operations of Trinity, which is manufacturing, leasing and repairing of railroad cars. This waiver would permit them to use grating designs of the same style and thickness on tank cars without underframes as used on other types of railroad cars. Trinity claims the option to use a thinner grating on platforms would allow greater flexibility in design and construction but would still maintain or exceed the existing levels of strength and safety.

Trinity contends that the platform thickness requirements for all car types, except tank cars without underframes, can be met with a component of any thickness so long as it provides the same degree of safety as wood 1 1/8-inch thickness. Running boards and end platforms meeting this requirement have been used on other car types for many years and have been considered to be safe. Trinity further states that the basic use and function of running boards and platforms are identical. That is, they afford a place for a person to walk, stand, or cross over the car and in some instances may require a person to kneel or sit in order to perform inspection of valves, etc.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket No. SA-96-5) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 7051, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on December 10, 1996.

Phil Olekszyk,

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) hereby gives notice that it has sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review an information collection titled (MA)—Securities Exchange Act Disclosure Rules (12 CFR 11). The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed revisions to the following collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the OCC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the burden of the information collection as it is proposed to be revised, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this information collection are welcome and should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer and the OCC Contact. Comments are due on or before January 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the submission may be obtained by calling the OCC Contact listed.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Number:* 1557-0106.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Title:* (MA)—Securities Exchange Act Disclosure Rules (12 CFR 11).

*Description:* The OCC's regulations in 12 CFR Part 11 ensure that publicly-owned national banks provide adequate information about their operation to current and potential shareholders,