

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Declaration of Disaster #3045]****State of Florida**

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on January 6, 1998, I find that Hernando, Hillsborough, Osceola, and Polk Counties in the State of Florida constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on December 25, 1997 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on March 7, 1998, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on October 6, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Brevard, Citrus, Hardee, Highlands, Indian River, Lake, Manatee, Okeechobee, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sumter in the State of Florida may be filed until the specified date at the above location.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For physical damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	7.625
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.812
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.125
For economic injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 304506 and for economic injury the number is 970500.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Declaration of Disaster #3048]****State of Florida**

Broward County and the contiguous Counties of Collier, Dade, Hendry, and Palm Beach in the State of Florida constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by a fire that occurred on December 18, 1997 in the Kings Court Condominium Development in Oakland Park. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on March 16, 1998 and for economic injury until the close of business on October 14, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For physical damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	7.625
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.812
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.125
For economic injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 304805 and for economic injury the number is 971500.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: January 14, 1998.

Aida Alvarez,

Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Declaration of Disaster #3041]****Northern Mariana Islands; Amendment #1**

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated January 2, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on

December 16, 1997 and continuing through December 17, 1997.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is February 26, 1998 and for economic injury the termination date is September 24, 1998.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice No. 2714]**

International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC) U.S. Study Group A of the Telecommunications Standardization Sector (ITAC-T); Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces a meeting, under the International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), of Study Group A of the Telecommunications Standardization Sector (ITAC-T). The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 18, 1998, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and scheduled for all day, in Room 1207 of the Department of State, 22nd and C Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

The purpose of ITAC is to advise the Department on policy, technical and operational matters and to provide strategic planning recommendations, with respect to international telecommunications and information issues. The purpose of this meeting is to develop United States positions for upcoming ITU-T meetings dealing with standards activities of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). In particular, the meeting agenda will include preparation for planned ITU-T meetings of (1) Study Group 3 (Tariff and Accounting Principles including related telecommunications economic and policy issues) scheduled for June 3-12, 1998; and (2) Study Group 2 (Numbering and Routing) to be held March 3-13, 1998. Questions regarding the agenda or ITAC-T Sector activities in general may be directed to William Kirsch, Department of State (202 647-0197), fax number (202 647-7407).

All participants may join in discussions, subject to instructions of the chair. In this regard, entry to the building is controlled. If you wish to attend, please send a fax to (202) 647-7407 at least 24 hours before the

meeting, providing name, affiliation, date of birth and social security number, to arrange for pre-clearance. One of the following valid photo ID's is required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, passport, government ID (company ID's are not accepted). Enter from the "C" Street Main Lobby.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

William J. Kirsch,

Chairman, ITAC-T Sector.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2669]

Proposed Unidroit Convention and Its Aircraft Protocol Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given of an Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, February 26 starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Civil Aeromedical Institute auditorium, Room 254, located at 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting will end at or before 1:00 p.m. on February 26. There may be an afternoon session from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for further discussion.

Attendance: The meeting is open to the public, free of charge, and is limited to available seating. It may be of interest to persons associated with the selling, leasing, and financing of aircraft and aircraft engines, including persons who search title, give title opinions, submit conveyances for recordation to the FAA Aircraft Registry, or otherwise participate in aircraft financing.

Nature: The meeting is intended only to provide information. No formal record will be made. No written comments will be accepted from the audience.

Agenda:

- (1) Introductory remarks
- (2) Purpose of UNIDROIT Convention
- (3) Status of actions taken (UNIDROIT Convention and Aircraft Protocol)
- (4) Summary of UNIDROIT Convention with emphasis on registration of international interests
- (5) Summary of Aircraft Protocol
- (6) Relationship of UNIDROIT Convention to existing laws and treaties
- (7) Question and Answer Period

Background: The United States Government, through the United States Department of State, has been participating with other nations in studying a proposed multilateral convention (UNIDROIT Convention) to

protect international secured interests in mobile equipment, including aircraft.

A preliminary draft of the UNIDROIT Convention will be submitted to the UNIDROIT Governing Council in early 1998. Thereafter, it is expected that the draft will be circulated to States to determine whether to proceed to intergovernmental negotiations to conclude the Convention.

As proposed, the UNIDROIT Convention would not take effect unless a protocol has been adopted for a specific category of mobile objects. In that regard, UNIDROIT's Aircraft Equipment Protocol Group has completed a preliminary draft protocol which would pertain to certain large airframes and large helicopters, and jet and turbine engines.

The UNIDROIT Convention and Aircraft Equipment Protocol together, when and if adopted and enacted into law by contracting states would provide a comprehensive international system to protect leasing and financing interests. Significant features might include default remedies, priorities, and establishment of an international registration system to register (record) international consensual interests, non-consensual interests, assignments, prospective assignments, and subordinations.

It is anticipated that the international registration system would be primarily an electronic notice system. As proposed, the international registration system is not intended to interfere with countries' existing national registration and recordation systems (e.g., Parts 47 and 49 of the Federal Aviation Regulations).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph R. Standell, Aeronautical Center Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125, telephone number (405) 954-3296; fax number (405) 954-4676.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

Harold S. Burman,

Executive Director, Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, United States Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of a new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: Notice is given of a new task assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph A. Hawkins, Director, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-1, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-9677 or fax (202) 267-5075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitment to harmonize its Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

The Task

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendation on the following harmonization task:

Prevention of Fuel Tank Explosions

Prepare a report to the FAA/JAA that provides specific recommendations and proposed regulatory text that will eliminate or significantly reduce the hazards associated with explosive vapors in transport category airplane fuel tanks. Proposed regulatory text should ensure that new type designs, in-production airplanes and the existing fleet of transport airplanes are designed and operated so that during normal operation (up to maximum certified operating temperatures) the presence of explosive fuel air vapors in all fuel tanks is eliminated, significantly reduced or controlled to the extent that there could not be a catastrophic event. (This task addresses means of reducing explosion hazards by eliminating or controlling explosive fuel vapors. The FAA is also engaged in a separate activity to evaluate whether additional actions should be taken to ensure that ignition sources are not present within fuel tanks. Therefore, control of ignition sources is not within the scope of this task.) In developing recommendations