

Background. Currently, SSA has no reliable, statistically valid means of capturing race/ethnicity data in our core business process. While some Race/Ethnicity data is collected by Form SS-5, the Application for Social Security Card, it is not provided to SSA through other means of enumerating individuals; e.g., the Enumeration at Birth and Enumeration at Entry processes. Additionally, it is not collected during the disability application process. We believe that adding race/ethnicity as questions to SSA's applications for benefits will enable SSA to improve its administrative data. Consequently, we intend to collect this information in other SSA application processes. OMB mandated that Federal agencies collecting race and ethnicity information must use consistent standards established by OMB. We will follow the OMB standards when collecting our Race/Ethnicity data.

#### Race & Ethnicity Qualitative Research

Before SSA collects Race/Ethnicity data, we plan to conduct several voluntary focus groups with members of the public to assess their opinions, reactions and recommendations on a proposed form that will be used to collect the information. The questions and race and ethnicity categories will follow the standards developed by OMB. The information from this research will be used to develop a comprehensive collection form. The respondents are members of the public who volunteer to participate in the Race/Ethnicity questions focus groups.

**Note:** Please note that this **Federal Register** Notice is only for the Race and Ethnicity Quality Research focus groups. We will post a separate **Federal Register** Notice in the future for the actual Race and Ethnicity information collection.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 96 (8 focus groups, 12 participants).

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 90 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 144 hours.

Dated: October 3, 2007.

**Elizabeth A. Davidson,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5954]

### Determination and Certification Under Section 599E of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-102), as Carried Forward by the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Pub. L. 110-5)

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including under section 559E of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-102), as carried forward by the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Pub. L. 110-5), I hereby determine and certify that:

(1) Assistance for the fiscal year will be provided only for individuals who have (A) verifiably renounced and terminated any affiliation or involvement with FTOs or other illegal armed groups; and (B) are meeting all the requirements of the Colombian Demobilization Program, including having disclosed their involvement in past crimes and their knowledge of the FTO's structure, financing sources, illegal assets, and the location of kidnapping victims and bodies of the disappeared;

(2) the Government of Colombia is providing full cooperation to the Government of the United States to extradite the leaders and members of the FTOs who have been indicted in the United States for murder, kidnapping, narcotics trafficking, and other violations of United States law;

(3) the Government of Colombia is implementing a concrete and workable framework for dismantling the organizational structures of foreign terrorist organizations; and

(4) funds shall not be made available as cash payments to individuals and are available only for activities under the following categories: Verification, reintegration (including training and education), vetting, recovery of assets for reparations for victims, and investigations and prosecutions.

This Determination shall be published in the **Federal Register** and copies shall be transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

Dated: September 28, 2007.

**Condoleezza Rice,**

*Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request an extension of the information collection request (ICR) OMB No. 2105-0552, Reports by Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport. The current information collection request approved by OMB expires on March 31, 2008.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by December 10, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* West Building, Ground Floor, Rm. W-12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001 (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays).

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or West Building, Ground Floor, Rm. W-12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Goodman or Blane Workie, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, W-96-422, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-0205. Refer to OMB Control Number 2105-0552.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Reports by Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0552.

*Type of Request:* Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* The requested extension of the approved control number covers the information collection request (ICR) OMB No. 2105-0552, "Reports by Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport," which the Department of Transportation codified at 14 CFR 234.13. Section 234.13, which implements Section 710 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR-21) [i.e., Public Law 106-810], requires U.S. air carriers that provide scheduled service to submit a monthly report on any incidents involving the loss, injury or death of an animal during air transport to the Department's Aviation Consumer Protection Division (ACPD). "Animal" is defined in the rule as any warm- or cold-blooded animal which, at the time of transportation, is being kept as a pet in a family household in the United States. The information gathered from the airline reports is published in DOT's Air Travel Consumer Report to provide the public with a valuable tool to use in choosing which air carrier to travel with when traveling with a pet.

*Respondents:* Air carriers that transport pets.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Estimated Total Burden on Respondents:* 360 hours (Respondents (30) × Frequency (12 per year)).

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 2, 2007.

**Samuel Podberesky,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings, U.S. Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending September 28, 2007

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under Sections 412 and 414 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1383 and 1384) and procedures governing proceedings to enforce these provisions. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

*Docket Number:* OST-2007-29363.

*Date Filed:* September 27, 2007.

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

*Subject:* TC3 Within South Asia Subcontinent (PTC3 1115), Special Passenger Amending Resolution, between Sri Lanka and India.

*Intended Effective Date:* 15 October 2007.

**Renee V. Wright,**

*Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending September 28, 2007

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *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-2007-29368.

*Date Filed:* September 27, 2007.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* October 18, 2007.

*Description:* Application of Pan American World Airways Dominicana, C. por A., d/b/a PAWA Dominicana

("PAWA Dominicana") requesting issuance of a foreign air carrier permit authorizing PAWA Dominicana, to provide scheduled and charter foreign air transportation carrying persons, property and mail between Santo Domingo and other points in the Dominican Republic, on the one hand, and San Juan, Puerto Rico, and other points in Puerto Rico, on the other hand.

**Renee V. Wright,**

*Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-88 (Sub-No. 12X)]

#### Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption— in Butler County, PA

On September 19, 2007, Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company (B&LE) filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903<sup>1</sup> to abandon a 3.67-mile line of railroad, between milepost 0.00 and milepost 3.67, in Branchton, Butler County, PA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 16020 and 16021, and includes the stations of Branchton Yard (milepost 0.00), Bovard (milepost 0.98), Nelsons (milepost 2.78) and Osbornes (milepost 3.62).

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in B&LE's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by January 7, 2008.

Any OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,300 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>1</sup> Originally, B&LE also sought exemption from the Offer of Financial Assistance provisions of section 10904 and the Public Use provisions of section 10905. However, by facsimile filed on October 3, 2007, B&LE modified its filing to seek exemption from only section 10903.