

Dated: April 7, 2008.

**Patrick F. Kennedy,**

*Under Secretary for Management,  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6186]

### **Determination and Waiver of Section 617(a) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, Related Programs Appropriations Act (2008) (Division J, Pub. L. 110-161), Relating to Assistance for the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Deputy Secretary of State, including by Section 617(a) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008) (Division J, Public Law 110-161) (SFOAA), Executive Order 13118 of March 31, 1999, and State Department Delegation of Authority No. 245 of April 23, 2001, I hereby determine that it is in the national security interest of the United States to make available funds appropriated under the heading "Assistance for the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union" in Title II of the SFOAA, without regard to the restriction in that section.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress promptly and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 19, 2008.

**John D. Negroponte,**

*Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2007-0108]

### **National Task Force To Develop Model Contingency Plans To Deal With Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of advisory committee.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays.

**DATES:** The Task Force meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The Task Force meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, in the Oklahoma City Conference Room on the lobby level of the West Building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE TASK FORCE:** Livaughn Chapman, Jr., or Kathleen Blank-Riether, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., W-96-429, Washington, DC 20590-0001; Phone: (202) 366-9342; Fax: (202) 366-7152; E-mail:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2, and the General Services Administration regulations covering management of Federal advisory committees, 41 CFR Part 102-3, this notice announces a meeting of the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays. The Meeting will be held on April 29, 2008, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, in the Oklahoma City Conference Room on the lobby level of the West Building.

DOT's Office of Inspector General recommended, in its audit report, entitled "Actions Needed to Minimize Long, On-Board Flight Delays," issued on September 25, 2007, that the Secretary of Transportation establish a national task force of airlines, airports, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to coordinate and develop contingency plans to deal with lengthy delays, such as working with carriers and airports to share facilities and make gates available in an emergency. To effectuate this recommendation, on January 3, 2008, the Department, consistent with the requirements of the FACA, established the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays. The first meeting of the Task Force took place on February 26, 2008.

The agenda topics for the April 29, 2008, meeting will include the following: (1) A presentation by FAA's Air Traffic Control on its perspective on air traffic holds and ground delays and uncertainties in the system; (2) a presentation on the regional airline perspective of tarmac delays; (3) one or

more presentations on recent tarmac delay events and efforts to avoid them; (4) a briefing by the Passenger Needs Working Group, the working group that studied the common needs of significantly delayed passengers on aircraft and passengers who returned to the terminal after disembarking from such aircraft; (5) a briefing by the Delays Causes Working Group, the working group that examined the possible causes of lengthy tarmac delays; and (6) a discussion of whether additional working groups should be established to achieve the objectives of the Task Force and if so, what the purpose of these working groups should be.

Attendance is open to the public, and time will be provided for comments by members of the public. Since access to the U.S. DOT headquarters building is controlled for security purposes, any member of the general public who plans to attend this meeting must notify the Department contact noted above ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting. Attendance will be necessarily limited by the size of the meeting room.

Members of the public may present written comments at any time and, at the discretion of the Chairman and time permitting, oral comments at the meeting. Any oral comments permitted must be limited to agenda items and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Members of the public who wish to present oral comments must notify the Department contact noted above via email that they wish to attend and present oral comments at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting. For this April 29, 2008, meeting, no more than one hour will be set aside for oral comments. Although written material may be filed in the docket at any time, comments regarding upcoming meeting topics should be sent to the Task Force docket (10) calendar days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may also contact the Department contact noted above to be placed on the Task Force mailing list.

Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact the Department contact noted above at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Service Administration regulations covering management of Federal advisory committees.