

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.

Issued on: April 7, 2008.

**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

#### Privacy Act of 1974: System of Records

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice to establish a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** DOT intends to establish a system of records under the Privacy Act of 1974.

**DATES:** Effective Date: May 27, 2008. If no comments are received, the proposal will become effective on the above date. If comments are received, the comments will be considered and, where adopted, the documents will be republished with changes.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Habib Azarsina, Departmental Privacy Officer, S-80, United States Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE., Washington, DC 20590, or [habib.azarsina@dot.gov](mailto:habib.azarsina@dot.gov)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Habib Azarsina, Departmental Privacy Officer, S-80, United States Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE., Washington, DC 20590, telephone 202-366-1965 or [habib.azarsina@dot.gov](mailto:habib.azarsina@dot.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Transportation system of records notice subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, has been published in the **Federal Register** and is available from the above mentioned address.

**SYSTEM NUMBER:**

DOT/ALL 18.

**SYSTEM NAME:**

International Freight Data System (IFDS).

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

Unclassified, sensitive

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Server: The server hosting the records will be housed at Integrated Communication Systems Inc., which is located at 5260 West View Drive, Frederick, Maryland 21703. Portal

Location: This system of records will be accessed via a portal located at the Research and Innovative Technology Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Room #E36-120, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM OF RECORDS:**

This system contains information on members of the public who:

- Engage in international commerce and hold licenses, registrations and/or other certifications that Federal statutes authorize the Department of Transportation to monitor and/or regulate,
- Own, ship or transport international shipments of hazardous materials—whether by import, export or in-transit,
- Import automobiles or automobile parts made outside of the U.S.,
- Serve as crew on international commercial maritime vessels, or
- Ship Government Impelled Cargoes on international maritime vessels. Government Impelled Cargoes are cargo for which a Federal agency contracts directly for shipping by water or for which a Federal agency provides financing, including financing by grant, loan or loan guarantee, resulting in shipment of the cargo by water.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

In addition to transaction-level shipment and conveyance information on international freight flows into, from or transiting the U.S., the categories of records in IFDS include: Corporate and individual names and addresses (home addresses and telephone numbers are collected for those shippers and consignees who operate from home), their contact information (including telephone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses) and titles; commercial drivers' license numbers and issuers; electronic signatures and signers' name, title, related information and date of signature; travel document numbers and issuing countries; nationalities of commercial parties such as conveyance owners and/or operators; and commercial operators' and/or crew members' dates of birth. Social security numbers are not collected in IFDS.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

49 U.S.C. 112 (section 7301, P.L. 109-59); 19 U.S.C. 1411(d) (section 405, P.L. 109-347)

**PURPOSES:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has a variety of international missions that are carried out by its Operating Administrations (OAs) and have a direct impact on the

movement of international freight. The International Freight Data System (IFDS) is an automated system that will provide participating DOT Operating Administrations (OAs) with international commercial information to perform their enforcement, statistical, analytical, modeling and policy responsibilities. The IFDS will interface with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) program as well as the government-wide International Trade Data System. This will be a joint project of the following DOT OAs: Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) (IFDS system manager); the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); the Maritime Administration (MARAD); the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA); and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Access to the IFDS will be limited to the statutory authority of each DOT OA to view and use the information. The IFDS is scheduled to deploy in 2008 and 2009.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Records maintained in the IFDS will be used as follows:

- (1) *RITA*: perform statistical, analytical, modeling and policy activities;
- (2) *FAA*: provide support for oversight of international hazardous materials shipments by air as well as statistical, analytical, and policy activities;
- (3) *FHWA*: perform statistical, analytical, modeling, and policy activities;
- (4) *FMCSA*: provide enforcement support for commercial truck and bus safety and related requirements as well as statistical, analytical, modeling, and policy activities;
- (5) *MARAD*: provide enforcement of crewing and Government-Impelled Cargoes requirements as well as statistical, analytical, and policy activities;
- (6) *NHTSA*: provide enforcement of auto safety for non-U.S. vehicles and parts as well as statistical, analytical, and policy activities; and
- (7) *PHMSA*: provide enforcement support for international hazardous materials shipments oversight as well as statistical, analytical and policy activities.
- (8) See Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses.