

access to which is limited to authorized personnel only. Access to computerized files is password-protected and under the direct supervision of the system manager. The system manager has the capability of printing audit trails of access from the computer media, thereby permitting regular and ad hoc monitoring of computer usage. When it is determined that a user no longer needs access, the user account is disabled.

The safeguards in the following paragraphs apply only to records that are maintained in government-certified cloud systems. All cloud systems that provide IT services and process Department of State personally identifiable information (PII) must be specifically authorized by the Department of State Authorizing Official and Senior Agency Official for Privacy.

Information that conforms with Department-specific definitions for FISMA low, moderate, or high categorization are permissible for cloud usage and must specifically be authorized by the Department's Cloud Management Office and the Department of State Authorizing Official. Specific security measures and safeguards will depend on the FISMA categorization of the information in a given cloud system. In accordance with Department policy, systems that process more sensitive information will require more stringent controls and review by Department cybersecurity experts prior to approval. Prior to operation, all Cloud systems must comply with applicable security measures that are outlined in FISMA, FedRAMP, OMB regulations, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publications (SP) and Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) and Department of State policies and standards.

All data stored in cloud environments categorized above a low FISMA impact risk level must be encrypted at rest and in-transit using a federally-approved encryption mechanism. The encryption keys shall be generated, maintained, and controlled in a Department data center by the Department key management authority. Deviations from these encryption requirements must be approved in writing by the Department of State Authorizing Official. High FISMA impact risk level systems will additionally be subject to continual auditing and monitoring, multifactor authentication mechanisms utilizing Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and NIST 800-53 controls concerning virtualization, servers, storage and networking, as well as stringent measures to sanitize data from the cloud service once the contract is terminated.

#### RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals who wish to gain access to or to amend records pertaining to themselves should write to U.S. Department of State; Director, Office of Information Programs and Services; A/GIS/IPS; 2201 C St. NW; Room B-266; Washington, DC 20520. The individual must specify that he or she wishes the Visa Records to be checked. At a minimum, the individual must include: Full name (including maiden name, if appropriate) and any other names used; current mailing address and zip code; date and place of birth; email address; telephone number; notarized signature or statement under penalty of perjury; a brief description of the circumstances that caused the creation of the record (including the city and/or country and the approximate dates) which gives the individual cause to believe that the Visa Records include records pertaining to the individual. Detailed instructions on Department of State procedures for accessing and amending records can be found at the Department's FOIA website (<https://foia.state.gov/Request/Guide.aspx>).

However, in general, visa records are confidential and may not be released under section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, except that, the Department of State may consider requests for records that originated with, or were sent to, a requesting visa applicant or someone acting on such applicant's behalf to be releasable thereto.

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals who wish to contest record procedures should write to U.S. Department of State; Director, Office of Information Programs and Services; A/GIS/IPS; 2201 C St. NW; Room B-266; Washington, DC 20520.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals who have reason to believe that this system of records may contain information pertaining to them may write to U.S. Department of State; Director, Office of Information Programs and Services; A/GIS/IPS; 2201 C St. NW; Room B-266; Washington, DC 20520. The individual must specify that he or she wishes the Visa Records to be checked. At a minimum, the individual must include: Full name (including maiden name, if appropriate) and any other names used; current mailing address and zip code; date and place of birth; email address; telephone number; notarized signature or statement under penalty of perjury; a brief description of the circumstances that caused the creation of the record (including the city and/or country and the approximate

dates) which gives the individual cause to believe that the Visa Records include records pertaining to the individual.

#### EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1), (k)(2), and (k)(3), records contained within this system of records are exempted from 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f). See Department of State Rules published in the **Federal Register**, under 22 CFR 171.26.

#### HISTORY:

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11574]

### Certification of Mexico

**ACTION:** Notice of country certification.

**SUMMARY:** On October 21, 2021, the Department of State certified to Congress that Mexico's turtle excluder device (TED) program was determined to again be comparable to the United States program. Wild-caught shrimp harvested in Mexico is again eligible to enter the United States in accordance with Section 609(b)(2)(A) and (B).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jared Milton, Section 609 Program Manager, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520-2758; telephone: (202) 647-3263; email: [DS2031@state.gov](mailto:DS2031@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 ("Sec. 609") prohibits imports of wild-caught shrimp or products from shrimp harvested with commercial fishing technology unless the President certifies to the Congress by May 1, 1991, and annually thereafter, that either: (1) The harvesting nation has adopted a regulatory program governing the incidental taking of relevant species of sea turtles in the course of commercial shrimp harvesting that is comparable to that of the United States and that the average rate of that incidental taking by the vessels of the harvesting nation is comparable to the average rate of incidental taking of sea turtles by United States vessels in the course of such harvesting; or (2) the

particular fishing environment of the harvesting nation does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles in the course of shrimp harvesting. The President has delegated the authority to make this certification to the Secretary of State (“Secretary”) who further delegated the authority within the Department of State (“Department”). The Revised Guidelines for the Implementation of Sec. 609 were published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1999, at 64 FR 36946.

The Department suspended the certification of Mexico, effective May 1, 2021, because its sea turtle protection program was no longer comparable to that of the United States. The Government of Mexico subsequently implemented a plan of action to strengthen sea turtle conservation in its shrimp trawl fisheries, resulting in significantly improved use of turtle excluder devices by its fishing industry, as verified by a team of representatives from the Department and the National Marine Fisheries Service. The Department has now certified Mexico under Sec. 609(b)(2)(A) and (B).

The Department has communicated this decision under Sec. 609 to the Office of Trade of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36500]

**Canadian Pacific Railway Limited; Canadian Pacific Railway Company; Soo Line Railroad Company; Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc.; Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation; and Delaware & Hudson Railway Company, Inc.—Control—Kansas City Southern; The Kansas City Southern Railway Company; Gateway Eastern Railway Company; and The Texas Mexican Railway Company**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Decision No. 9 in Docket No. FD 36500; notice of proposed procedural schedule and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board) invites public comments on a proposed procedural schedule for this proceeding. On September 15, 2021, Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (Canadian Pacific), Canadian Pacific

Railway Company, and their U.S. rail carrier subsidiaries, Soo Line Railroad Company, Central Maine & Quebec Railway US Inc., Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation, and Delaware & Hudson Railway Company, Inc. (collectively, CP) and Kansas City Southern and its U.S. rail carrier subsidiaries, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR), Gateway Eastern Railway Company, and The Texas Mexican Railway Company (collectively, KCS) (CP and KCS collectively, Applicants) filed an amended notice of intent to file an application seeking authority for the acquisition of control by Canadian Pacific, through its indirect, wholly owned subsidiary Cygnus Merger Sub 2 Corporation, of Kansas City Southern, and through it, of KCSR and its railroad affiliates, and for the resulting common control by Canadian Pacific of its U.S. railroad subsidiaries, and KCSR and its railroad affiliates.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Board’s proposed procedural schedule are due by November 12, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Any filing submitted in this proceeding should be filed with the Board via e-filing on the Board’s website. In addition, one copy of each filing must be sent (and may be sent by email only if service by email is acceptable to the recipient) to each of the following: (1) Secretary of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; (2) Attorney General of the United States, c/o Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Room 3109, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; (3) CP’s representative, David L. Meyer, Law Office of David L. Meyer, 1105 S Street NW, Washington, DC 20009; (4) KCS’s representative, William A. Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC, Suite 300, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037; (5) any other person designated as a Party of Record on the service list; and (6) the administrative law judge assigned in this proceeding, the Hon. Thomas McCarthy, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004–1710, and at [ctolbert@fmshr.gov](mailto:ctolbert@fmshr.gov) and [zbyers@fmshr.gov](mailto:zbyers@fmshr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Valerie Quinn at (202) 245–0283. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 22, 2021, concurrently filed with their original notice of intent to file an application, CP and KCS jointly filed a petition to establish a procedural schedule. Applicants’ proposed procedural schedule provides for a 10-

month period between the date an application is filed and the date on which the Board would issue its final decision on the merits. (Pet. 1.)<sup>1</sup> Applicants request that the Board adopt their proposed procedural schedule so that the “substantial benefits” of the proposed transaction would not be “unnecessarily delayed,” and assert that their proposal, which is based on the procedural schedule adopted in *Canadian National Railway—Control—Illinois Central Corp.*, Docket No. FD 33556, is appropriate, given the similarities between the two transactions.<sup>2</sup> (Pet. 1–2.)

Given the high level of interest in this proceeding, as well as the complexity and magnitude of issues that may potentially arise, the Board proposes modifications to the schedule proposed by Applicants to ensure sufficient time for the submission and review of evidence and arguments, as well as for the careful consideration of the merits of the proposed transaction. Specifically, for deadlines pertaining to responsive applications, the Board proposes to conform to the time frames set forth in 49 U.S.C. 11325 and 49 CFR 1180.4 (2000). The Board also proposes more time for the filing of a rebuttal in support of, and responses to comments on, the primary application, as well as more time for responses to any responsive applications. Additionally, the Board’s proposed schedule provides that any necessary public hearing or oral argument would be held on a date to be determined later in the proceeding.

Therefore, the Board proposes the following procedural schedule:<sup>3</sup>

F—Primary application and any related application(s) filed.

F+30—Board notice of acceptance of primary application and any related application(s) to be published in the **Federal Register**.

F+45—Notices of intent to participate due.

F+60—Proposed Safety Integration Plan (SIP) due.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In Applicants’ amended notice, they express their continued “desire that the Board adopt a schedule for its review of the proposed transaction of ten months or less.” (Amended Notice 3.)

<sup>2</sup> On April 1, 2021, The Freight Rail Customer Alliance, National Coal Transportation Alliance, and Private Railcar Food and Beverage Association, Inc. (collectively, Shipper Associations), submitted a letter asserting that the transaction in Docket No. FD 33556 does not serve as a good benchmark, given the larger size and value of the Applicants’ proposed transaction. (Shipper Associations Comment 4.)

<sup>3</sup> “F” designates the filing date of the application, and “F+n” means “n” days following that date. Applicants filed their application on October 29, 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Preparation of a SIP is required under 49 CFR 1106.4.