

burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSEE: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 311, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Diana Nordboe at (202) 646-4026 for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Reginald Trujillo,

Director, Program Services Division,
Operations Support Directorate.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning continuation of inserting the clause at 48 CFR 4452.226-1, Accessibility of Meetings, Conferences and Seminars to Persons with Disabilities, in FEMA contracts under which contractors will plan meetings, conferences and seminars which may be attended by persons with disabilities.

Supplementary Information. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits Federal agencies from discriminating against qualified persons on the grounds of disability. The law not only applies to internal

employment practices but extends to agency interaction with members of the public who participate in FEMA programs. (FEMA's implementation of Section 504 of this Act is codified at 44 CFR Part 16.) Contractors who plan meetings, conferences, or seminars for FEMA must develop a plan to ensure that minimum accessibility standards for the disabled as set forth in the contract clause will be met. The plan must be approved by a FEMA Contracting Officer.

Collection of Information.

Title. FEMA Contract Clause—Accessibility of Meetings to Persons with Disabilities.

Type of Information Collection.

Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 3067-0213.

Abstract. Contractors who plan meetings, conferences or seminars for FEMA must submit a plan to the Contracting Officer detailing how the minimum accessibility standards for the disabled set forth in the contract clause will be met.

Number of Responses: FEMA estimates that 10 contractors would be required to comply annually with the contract clause, with an average of 3 hours per response to prepare the plan.

Frequency of Response: One response per year per contract, using a consolidated plan for multiple meetings under one contract.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours. 30 hours.

Estimated Cost. \$90.00.

Comments

Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

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Room 311, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact: Beverly Driver, Procurement Analyst, Acquisition Support Division, (202) 646-3745. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Reginald Trujillo,

Director, Program Services Division,
Operations Support Directorate.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register.

Agreement No.: 224-201019.

Title: DRS/PRPA Berthing & Space Tioga Marine Terminal Agreement.

Parties: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority ("PRPA") Delaware River Stevedores, Inc. ("DRS").

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement provides that PRPA will allow DRS certain berthing rights for the M/V ELISE-D, as well as with 37,500 square feet of storage space in Transit Shed #1, and 10,000 square feet of storage space on the terminal. In exchange for these rights DRS will pay PRPA wharfage, dockage and storage fees. The term of the Agreement is for sixty days.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: March 6, 1997.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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Ocean Freight Forwarder License Revocations

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice that the following freight forwarder licenses have been revoked pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718) and the regulations of the

Commission pertaining to the licensing of ocean freight forwarders, effective on the corresponding revocation dates shown below:

License Number: 2773.

Name: Ben & Brothers Forwarding Corp.
Address: 901 Castle Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094.

Date Revoked: January 22, 1997.

Reason: Failed to maintain a valid surety bond.

License Number: 3319.

Name: SBR International Corp.
Address: 1425 N.W. 88th Avenue, 1st Floor, Miami, FL 33172.

Date Revoked: January 29, 1997.

Reason: Failed to maintain a valid surety bond.

License Number: 2330.

Name: Leslie David Lewis d/b/a Les Lewis.

Address: 1010 East Dallas Road, Grapevine, TX 76051.

Date Revoked: January 30, 1997.

Reason: Surrendered license voluntarily.

License Number: 437.

Name: Leading Forwarders, Inc.
Address: 2975 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07306.

Date Revoked: February 10, 1997.

Reason: Surrendered license voluntarily.

Bryant L. Van Brakle,

Director, Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.

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Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

Transglobal Solutions, 1808 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501, Jin Miyamoto, Managing Partner, William Robert Parkinson, Partner, Jerry Lee Russell, Jr., Partner

International Transportation Services, Inc., 573 S.W. 169th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33326, Officer: Steve M. Snyder, President

Hanover Shipping Corporation, 1 Gina Court, East Hanover, NJ 07936

Officers: Rohini Kumar Vemula,
President, Divyajyothi R. Vemula,
Director

Albany Freight, Inc., 5245 N.W. 36 Street, Suite 230, Miami Springs, FL 33166, Officer: Caridad C. Gonzalez, President

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. 97-04]

Ever Freight International Ltd., Sigma Express Inc., and Mario F. Chavarria dba Transcargo Intl.—Possible Violations of Sections 10(a)(1) and 10(b)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984; Order of Investigation and Hearing

Ever Freight International Ltd. ("Ever Freight") is a tariffed and bonded non-vessel-operating common carrier (NVOCC) located at 18th Floor, Kam Sang Building, 255-257 Des Voeux Road Central, Sheung Wan in Hong Kong. Ever Freight holds itself out as an NVOCC pursuant to its ATFI tariff FMC No. 001, filed June 17, 1996.

Ever Freight currently maintains an NVOCC bond, No. 8941414, in the amount of \$50,000 with the Washington International Insurance Company, located in Schaumburg, Illinois. Pursuant to Rule 24 of Ever Freight's tariff, Washington International Insurance Company also serves as the U.S. resident agent for purposes of receiving service of process on behalf of Ever Freight International Ltd.

Ever Freight is believed to have been established by former employees of Goldline Ltd., an NVOCC which has operated without a tariff or bond since May 1995.¹ Likewise, Ever Freight is believed to have operated as an NVOCC from March 1996 through June 16, 1996 without benefit of the bond or tariff required by the 1984 Act. During that period and at times subsequent to the filing of its tariff and bond, Ever Freight participated in numerous apparent acts of misdescription of cargo on shipments from Hong Kong to the U.S., in concert with U.S. consignees Sigma Express Inc. and Mario F. Chavarria d/b/a/ Transcargo International, among others.

Respondent Sigma Express Inc. ("Sigma Express") is a tariffed and

¹ Goldline currently operates under the name Comm-Sino Ltd. but has adopted numerous pseudonyms in the past, including Harvesta Ltd., Gain Sharp Trading, Truest Ltd., Vastmas Intl. Ltd. and Wellsources Ltd. A formal investigation, FMC Docket No. 96-19, is presently underway as to Comm-Sino, alleging violations of sections 10(a)(1) and 10(b)(1).

bonded NVOCC located at 11222 La Cienega Blvd., Suite 330, Inglewood, California 90304. The President of Sigma Express is Echo Tsai. As relevant herein, Sigma Express acts as the U.S. consignee and notify party on certain inbound NVOCC shipments from Ever Freight.

Respondent Mario F. Chavarria is a licensed ocean freight forwarder (FMC license No. 4175) and a tariffed and bonded NVOCC doing business as Transcargo International ("Transcargo"). Transcargo's offices are located at 5155 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 110, Hawthorne, California 90250. As relevant herein, Transcargo acts as the U.S. consignee and notify party on certain inbound NVOCC shipments from Ever Freight.

It appears that Ever Freight, acting as shipper in relation to an ocean common carrier, misdescribed the commodity on numerous shipments transported by an ocean common carrier between March 1, 1996 and December 31, 1996.² The shipments primarily originated in Hong Kong, and were destined for Los Angeles and other U.S. ports and points. In each of these instances, Ever Freight was listed as shipper on the ocean carrier's bill of lading, and Ever Freight destination agents in the U.S., including respondents Sigma Express and Transcargo, acted as the consignee or notify party. Each shipment generally reflects that an Ever Freight "house", or NVOCC, bill of lading was issued for tender by the ultimate consignee to Ever Freight's agent upon arrival of the cargo at destination, which correctly describes the commodity shipped.

It further appears that the ocean common carrier rated the commodities in accordance with the inaccurate description furnished by Ever Freight, while the U.S. consignees of Ever Freight's shipments accepted delivery of the cargo and made payment to the ocean common carrier on the basis of the lower rate attributable to the inaccurate commodity description. Contemporaneous with the payment of any freight due to the ocean common carrier, Ever Freight's agents in the U.S. also would issue arrival notices and

² Based on import data available from the PIERS subsidiary of the Journal of Commerce, Ever Freight has acted as shipper on over 1100 inbound shipments during the nine month period ending November 1996, accounting for nearly 2700 TEUs of cargo. PIERS reports that the primary ocean common carriers transporting cargo on behalf of Ever Freight are Sea-Land and Hanjin Shipping, which together account for 95% of the total tonnage moved during this period. More than 200 of these shipments originated during the months of March-June 1996, at a time when Ever Freight did not yet have any tariff rates effective for its NVOCC services.