

	Percent
Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) with Credit Available Elsewhere	7.125
For Economic Injury Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere ...	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 306411 and for economic injury the number is 975800.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3046; Amendment #2]

State of New York

In accordance with information received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated February 27, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damage as a direct result of this disaster to April 10, 1998. The deadline for filing applications for economic injury remains October 13, 1998.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3049; Amendment 4]

State of Tennessee

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated February 23, 1998, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Washington County in the State of Tennessee as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding beginning on January 6, 1998 and continuing through February 12, 1998.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous county of Hawkins, Tennessee may be filed until

the specified date at the previously designated location. Any counties contiguous to the above-named primary county and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is March 13, 1998 and for economic injury the termination date is October 13, 1998.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 26, 1998.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on Monday, May 4, 1998, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the San Antonio Small Business Development Center, The University of Texas at San Antonio, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, please write or call Jorge F. Cardona, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW, Fourth Floor, Washington, DC, 20416, telephone number (202) 205-7303.

Eugene Carlson,

Associate Administrator, Communications and Public Liaison.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region I—Boston District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region I Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Boston, will hold a public meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 2, 1998, at the Boston District Office, Room 265, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members and staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, please write or call Ms. Mary E. McAleney, District

Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 10 Causeway Street, Room 265, Boston, Massachusetts 02222-1093, telephone (617) 565-5560.

Eugene Carlson,

Associate Administrator, Office of Communications & Public Liaison.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region IX—Honolulu District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The Small Business Administration Region IX Honolulu District Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Honolulu, Hawaii, will hold a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the Business Information and Counseling Center, 1111 Bishop Street, Suite 204, Training Center, Honolulu, HI 96813, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Andrew K. Poepoe, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 2-235 Honolulu, Hawaii 96850, telephone (808) 541-2965.

Dated: March 6, 1998.

Eugene Carlson,

Associate Administrator, Office of Communications & Public Liaison.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act Designation of Qualifying Industrial Zone

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act (the "FTA Act"), products of qualifying industrial zones encompassing portions of Israel and Jordan or Israel and Egypt are eligible to receive duty-free treatment. Effective upon publication of this notice, the United States Trade Representative, pursuant to authority delegated by the President, is designating the Israeli-Jordanian Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone as a qualifying industrial zone under the FTA Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel A. Clune, Director for the Middle East and Mediterranean (202) 395-4620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to authority granted under Section 9 of the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2112 note), the President proclaimed certain tariff treatment for the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and qualifying industrial zones (Proclamation 6955 of November 13, 1996 (61 FR 58761)). In particular, the President proclaimed modifications to general notes 3 and 8 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States: (a) To provide duty-free treatment to qualifying articles that are the product of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone and are entered in accordance with the provisions of section 9 of the FTA Act; (b) to provide that articles of Israel may be treated as though they were articles directly shipped from Israel for the purposes of the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Agreement (the "Agreement") even if shipped to the United States from the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or a qualifying industrial zone, if the articles otherwise meet the requirements of the Agreement; and (c) to provide that the cost or value of materials produced in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or a qualifying industrial zone may be included in the cost or value of materials produced in Israel under section 1(c)(i) of Annex 3 of the Agreement, and that the direct costs of processing operations performed in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or a qualifying industrial zone may be included in the direct costs of processing operations performed in Israel under section 1(c)(ii) of Annex 3 of the Agreement.

Section 9(e) of the FTA Act defines a "qualifying industrial zone" as an area that "(1) Encompasses portions of the territory of Israel and Jordan or Israel and Egypt; (2) has been designated by local authorities as an enclave where merchandise may enter without payment of duty or excise taxes; and (3) has been specified by the President as a qualifying industrial zone." In Proclamation 6955, the President delegated to the United States Trade Representative the authority to designate qualifying industrial zones.

In an agreement dated November 16, 1997, the Government of Israel and the Government of Jordan agreed to the creation of the Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone, encompassing areas under the customs control of the respective Governments. The Government of Israel and the Government of Jordan further agreed

that merchandise may enter the Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone without payment of duty or excise taxes, and both Governments subsequently implemented this agreement pursuant to their domestic legal procedures. The Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone accordingly meets the criteria under paragraphs 9(e) (1) and (2) of the FTA Act.

Pursuant to the authority delegated by the President in Proclamation 6955, the United States Trade Representative hereby designates the Irbid Qualifying Industrial Zone as a qualifying industrial zone under section 9 of the FTA Act, effective upon the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 6, 1998.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Transit Administration

National ITS Architecture Consistency Meetings

AGENCIES: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Supplemental notice.

SUMMARY: This is a supplemental notice to 63 FR 5,603 published on February 3, 1998, announcing a series of regional meetings at which DOT will discuss national ITS architecture consistency as it relates to federally funded highway and transit improvements that incorporate Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). It is anticipated that the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill will require federally funded projects which contain ITS elements to be consistent with the National ITS Architecture and approved standards. In anticipation, DOT is holding a series of outreach meetings to engage a broad range of stakeholders in discussions regarding consistency requirements. These meetings will be of interest to those involved in the planning, design and implementation of technology applications in transportation. Locations and dates for the regional meetings are as follows: Boston—February 25–26; Los Angeles—March 18–19; Houston—March 25–26; Kansas City—April 1–2; Washington DC Area—April 6–7; Atlanta—April 9–10;

Denver—April 14–15; Portland—April 29–30; Chicago—May 13–14; New York—May 19–20.

Specific locations for the Washington DC Area, Atlanta, Denver, Portland, Chicago and New York meetings will be published at a later date.

DATES AND TIMES: The Los Angeles meeting will be held March 18–19, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 18th and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on March 19th. The Houston area meeting will be held March 25–26, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 25th and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on March 26th. The Kansas City meeting will be held April 1–2, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 1st and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 2nd.

ADDRESSES: The Los Angeles meeting will be held at the Anaheim Marriott, 700 West Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802. The Houston meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Post Oak Boulevard, Houston, TX 77056. The Kansas City meeting will be held at The Westin Crown Center, One Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National ITS Architecture is a master blueprint for building an integrated, multimodal, intelligent transportation system. It provides a common framework that define key elements required for ITS functions. As such, it is an invaluable resource for planners, builders, designers, and operators of highway and transit systems to use in extending and integrating their systems operations.

A general introduction to ITS will be provided, but presentations will assume a basic awareness of technology applications in transportation. The meetings will include a brief introduction to the National ITS Architecture and associated standards, current thinking by DOT on possible approaches to consistency, and breakout sessions for discussion among attendees on consistency-related issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Registrations; Carol-Ann Courtney, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center at (617) 494-2686, fax (617) 494-2569; Additional Inquires: Shelley Lynch, Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office (202) 366-8028; Mac Lister, Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office (202) 366-9292; Ronald Boenau, Federal Transit Administration, (202) 366-0195; Robert Rupert, Federal Highway Administration, (202) 366-2194. All are located at the United States Department of Transportation,