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Comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 564-3261; facsimile: (202) 565-0050. Comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by November 29, 2000. Please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies. Electronic comments may be e-mailed to: nceadc-comment@epa.gov.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For workshop information, registration, and logistics, contact Versar Inc., (Ms. Marit Espevik, telephone: (703) 750-3000, ext. 460; facsimile: (703) 642-6954).

For information about the draft document, contact the Technical Information Staff, NCEA-Washington Office; telephone: (202) 564-3261; facsimile: (202) 565-0050; or e-mail: nceadc-comment@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1997, U.S. EPA issued the Mercury Study Report to Congress (MSRC). Among the assessments in the MSRC was a state-of-the-science evaluation of the health effects of methylmercury. There has been considerable discussion within the scientific community regarding the level of exposure to methylmercury that is likely to be without appreciable risk of adverse health effects. Congress directed EPA through the House Appropriations Report for FY99 to contract with the National Research Council to evaluate the body of data on the health effects of methylmercury, with particular emphasis on new data since the 1997 Mercury Study Report to Congress, and provide recommendations regarding issues relevant to the derivation of an appropriate RfD for methylmercury. EPA has thoroughly reviewed this

document, and concurs with the NRC findings and recommendations. The NRC document is used as the basis for the current EPA derivation of the RfD for methylmercury.

Methylmercury is a highly toxic substance; there are a number of adverse health effects associated with methylmercury exposure. Most extensive are the data for neurotoxicity, particularly in developing organisms. Therefore the brain is considered to be the most sensitive target organ for which there are data suitable for derivation of an RfD. The NRC considered three epidemiological longitudinal developmental studies suitable for quantitative risk assessment: the Seychelles Islands, the Faroe Islands, and New Zealand. The Seychelles study has yielded no evidence of impairment related to methylmercury exposure, while both the other studies have found dose-related adverse effects on a number of neuropsychological endpoints. The Faroe Islands study, the larger of the latter two studies, has been extensively peer-reviewed and is used for the derivation of the RfD. The NRC's major finding is that the results of the Faroe Islands study provide a scientifically credible basis on which to base EPA's RfD.

The RfD derived in this assessment is 0.1 ug/kg per day. This is the same as the RfD derived by EPA in 1995 based on an earlier study of a poisoning episode in Iraq, in which data on adverse neurological effects in infants was used as the point of departure for derivation of the RfD.

Dated: October 24, 2000.

**William H. Farland,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

### Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Export-Import Bank)

**SUMMARY:** The Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee was established by Pub. L. 105-121, November 26, 1997, to advise the Board of Directors on the development and implementation of policies and programs designed to support the expansion of the Bank's financial commitments in Sub-Saharan Africa under the loan, guarantee and insurance programs of the Bank.

Further, the committee shall make recommendations on how the Bank can facilitate greater support by U.S. commercial banks for trade with Sub-Saharan Africa.

**TIME AND PLACE:** Wednesday, November 15, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Export-Import Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571.

**AGENDA:** This meeting will include a review of Export-Import Bank activities in sub-Sahara Africa.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to November 10, 2000, Teri Stumpf, Room 1215, Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3502 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact Teri Stumpf, Room 1215, 811 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3502.

**John M. Niehuss,**  
*General Counsel.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2448]

### Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

October 23, 2000.

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by November 14, 2000. See § 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for oppositions have expired.

*Subject:* Implementation of 911 Act; Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements (CC

Docket No. 92–105, WT Docket No. 00–110).

*Number of Petitions Filed:* 1.

*Subject:* Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Installment Payment Financing for Personal Communications Services (PCS) Licensees (WT Docket No. 97–82).  
*Number of Petitions Filed:* 5.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Petition P2–00]

### **Petition of China National Foreign Trade Transportation (Group) Corp. (SINOTRANS) for Exemption From Section 9(c) of the Shipping Act of 1984; Notice of Filing**

Notice is hereby given that China National Foreign Trade Transportation (Group) Corp. (SINOTRANS) ("Petitioner") has petitioned, pursuant to Section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. Section 1715, for a limited exemption from the tariff publishing requirements of Section 9 of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. Section 1708(c). Petitioner seeks an exemption so that it can lawfully reduce rates to meet or exceed the published rates of competing ocean common carriers on one day's notice.

In order for the Commission to make a thorough evaluation of the petition for exemption, interested persons are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the petition no later than 14 days following publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Replies shall consist of an original and 15 copies, be directed to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20573–0001, and be served on Petitioner's counsel; David P. Street, Galland, Kharasch, Greenberg, Fellman & Swirsky, P.C., 1054 Thirty-First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007–4492. It is also requested that a copy of the reply be submitted in electronic form (WordPerfect, Word or ASCII) on diskette or e-mailed to [Secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:Secretary@fmc.gov).

Copies of the petition are available at the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, 800 N. Capitol Street, N.W., Room 1046. Parties participating in this proceeding may elect to receive service of the Commission's issuances in this proceeding through e-mail in lieu of service by U.S. mail. A party opting

for electronic service shall advise the Office of the Secretary in writing and provide an e-mail address where service can be made.

By the Commission.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### **Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies**

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than November 14, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *Darlene L. Brandt*, Lincoln, Nebraska; to acquire voting shares of Mid-Nebraska Company, Inc., Kearney, Nebraska, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Kearney State Bank and Trust Company, Kearney, Nebraska.

2. *Myra K. Mask Irrevocable Trust*, Allen, Oklahoma, and Debbie Rinehart as Trustee, Allen, Oklahoma; to acquire voting shares of Allen Bancshares, Inc., Allen, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Farmers State Bank, Allen, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 25, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### **Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval,

pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 24, 2000.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland** (Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervision) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101–2566:

1. *Savings Bancorp, Inc.*, Circleville, Ohio; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Savings Bank, Circleville, Ohio.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261–4528:

1. *F&M National Corporation*, Winchester, Virginia; to merge with Atlantic Financial Corp., Newport News, Virginia, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of F&M Bank–Atlantic, Gloucester, Virginia.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire Johnson Mortgage Company, L.L.C., Newport News, Virginia, and thereby engage in origination, closing, and selling of mortgages and related servicing rights to outside investors, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.