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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-95-246]

North American Free Trade Agreement's Land Transportation Standards Subcommittee and Transportation Consultative Group: Plenary Session

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the ninth joint plenary session of the North American Free Trade Agreement's (NAFTA) Land Transportation Standards Subcommittee (LTSS) and the Transportation Consultative Group (TCG) and other related meetings. As an adjunct to the plenary session, technical working groups that address specific standards-related areas will also meet. Representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGO) with an interest in land transportation issues may contact the chairpersons of LTSS or TCG working groups to which they wish to direct their comments, either in writing

or in person. Only U.S., Canadian, and Mexican government officials may attend the plenary session.

Background

The Land Transportation Standards Subcommittee (LTSS) was established by the North American Free Trade Agreement's (NAFTA) Committee on Standards-Related Measures to examine the land transportation regulatory regimes in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and to seek to make certain standards more compatible. The Transportation Consultative Group (TCG) was formed by the three countries' departments of transportation to address non-standards-related issues that affect cross-border movements among the countries, but that are not included in the NAFTA's LTSS work program (Annex 913.5.a-1).

Meetings and Deadlines: The ninth joint LTSS/TCG plenary session will be held May 28 and 29, 2003, at the Hyatt Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas, USA. The following LTSS working groups are expected to meet during the same dates and at the same location: (1) Compliance and Driver and Vehicle Standards; (2) Vehicle Weights and Dimensions; and (3) Hazardous Materials Transportation Standards. The following TCG working groups also are expected to meet: (1) Cross-Border Operations and Facilitation; (2) Rail Safety and Economic Issues; (3) Science and Technology; and (4) Maritime and Ports Policy.

An opportunity will be provided for non-governmental organizations to address officials of the individual working groups regarding issues that concern them and that are within the purview of those working groups. Representatives of the truck, bus, and rail industries, transportation labor unions, brokers and shippers, chemical manufacturers, insurance industry, public safety advocates, and others who wish to take advantage of this opportunity are asked to contact the U.S. chairperson of the group they wish to address. Contact names, addresses and phone numbers are provided later in this notice. Copies of presentations, in English and Spanish, should be mailed to the working group chairs no later than May 14, 2003. This is an opportunity for presenters to voice their concerns, provide technical information, and offer suggestions relevant to achieving greater standards compatibility and improving cross-border trade. While written statements may be of any length, oral presentations will be limited based on the number of presenters to be accommodated. Working group chairs will determine

the allowable length of any oral presentation and communicate that to the interested NGOs at least one week prior to the meeting dates. After May 14, statements may be submitted for the record and requests to present oral comments to the working groups will be accommodated only on a time-available basis.

Interested parties can make hotel reservations by telephoning the Hyatt Riverwalk at 1-800-233-6343 and identifying themselves as attendees to the NAFTA LTSS. This will ensure that attendees receive the meeting room rate. A block of guest rooms has been reserved at the hotel for the nights of May 27, 28 and 29 until April 20, 2003. After that the meeting rate cannot be guaranteed, nor the availability of guest rooms. A credit card is required to guarantee payment for all rooms.

A briefing to report on the outcome of the meetings will be conducted in room 3328 at DOT at the address below, on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Interested parties may notify DOT of their interest in attending this briefing by calling (202) 366-2892 by June 24.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: LTSS-related documents, including past working group reports and statements received by DOT from industry associations, transportation labor unions, public safety advocates, and others are available for review in Docket No. OST-95-246, at the address below, Room PL-401, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., (EST) Monday through Friday, except national holidays. The Docket, which is updated periodically, may also be accessed electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Information about the ninth plenary session can also be found on the DOT NAFTA Web site at <http://www.dot.gov/NAFTA>.

Address and Phone Numbers: Individuals and organizations interested in participating in working group sessions must send notice of their interest and copies of their presentations by May 14 to one or more of the following working group chairs:

LTSS Working Groups

Compliance and Driver and Vehicle Standards, Tom Kozlowski—(202-366-4049), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Vehicle Weights and Dimensions, Jim March—(202-366-9237), Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Hazardous Materials Transportation Standards, Bob Richard—(202-366-