DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11558]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Through Vincent’s Eyes: Van Gogh and His Sources” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to agreements with their foreign owner or custodian for temporary display in the exhibition “Through Vincent’s Eyes: Van Gogh and His Sources” at the Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio; the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, California; and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chi D. Tran, Program Administrator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA–5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.


Matthew R. Lussenhop,
Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36538]

The Central Railroad Company of Indiana—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Patton-Lowe RR, Inc.

The Central Railroad Company of Indiana (CIND), a Class III railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to enter into a transaction agreement (Transaction Agreement) with Patton-Lowe RR, Inc. (PLRI), for CIND to acquire and operate a rail line from approximately milepost 64.43 at Craig 1 (east of the SR46 Grade Crossing, at a point of connection with CIND’s Westport Industrial Track near CIND milepost 225.0) to 100 feet east of the switch at approximately milepost 64.61 (the Line). 2 The verified notice states that CIND has also entered into a trackage rights agreement to acquire incidental trackage rights over a connecting PLRI rail line, which will allow CIND to provide local and overhead service to customers. 3 CIND certifies that neither the Transaction Agreement nor the trackage rights agreement impose or include an interchange commitment. CIND further certifies that its projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier but that its current annual revenues exceed $5 million. Pursuant to 49 CFR 1150.42(e), if a carrier’s projected annual revenues will exceed $5 million, it must, at least 60 days before the exemption becomes effective, post a notice of its intent to undertake the proposed transaction at the workplace of the employees on the affected lines, serve a copy of the notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the affected lines, and certify to the Board that it has done so. However, CIND’s verified notice includes a request for waiver of the 60-day advance labor notice requirements. CIND’s waiver request will be addressed in a separate decision. The Board will establish the effective date of the exemption in its separate decision on the waiver request. If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than October 15, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36538, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board’s website. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on CIND’s representative, Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill PLC, Two Commerce Square, 2001 Market Street, Suite 2620, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Decided: October 5, 2021.

By the Board, Valerie O. Quinn, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments on the Possible Reinstatement of Certain Exclusions in the Section 301 Investigation of China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

SUMMARY: In prior notices, the U.S. Trade Representative modified the action in the Section 301 investigation of China’s acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation by excluding certain products from multiple tranches. From the various tranches of granted exclusions, the U.S. Trade Representative subsequently extended 549 exclusions. Most of these extensions expired by December 31, 2020. The remainder expired earlier this year. USTR invites specific comments on whether to reinstate particular product exclusions.

DATES: October 12, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. EDT: The public docket on the web portal at https://comments.USTR.gov will open for parties to submit comments on the possible reinstatement of particular exclusions. December 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST: To be assured of consideration, submit written comments on the public docket by this date.

ADDRESSES: You must submit all comments through the online portal: https://comments.USTR.gov.
For further information contact: For general questions about this notice and request for comments, contact Associate General Counsel Philip Butler or Assistant General Counsel David Salkeld at (202) 395-5725.

Supplementary information:

A. Background

In the course of this investigation the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional duties on products of China in four tranches. See 83 FR 28719 (June 20, 2018); 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018); 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), as modified by 83 FR 49153 (September 28, 2018); and 84 FR 43304 (August 20, 2019), as modified by 84 FR 69447 (December 18, 2019); and 85 FR 3741 (January 22, 2020). Each tranche is commonly known as a ‘List’, e.g., List 1, List 2, etc. The fourth tranche is contained in Lists 4A and 4B. No tariffs on List 4B currently are in effect.

For each tranche, the U.S. Trade Representative established a process by which U.S. stakeholders could request the exclusion of particular products subject to the action. The first tranche of exclusions expired in December 2019 and the final tranche of exclusions expired in October 2020. Starting in November 2019, the U.S. Trade Representative established processes for submitting public comments on whether to extend particular exclusions. See, e.g., 85 FR 6687 (February 5, 2019) and 85 FR 39482 (June 26, 2020). Pursuant to these processes, the U.S. Trade Representative determined to extend 137 exclusions covered under List 1, 59 exclusions on List 2, 266 exclusions on List 3, and 87 exclusions on List 4. With the exception of exclusions related to the COVID pandemic, all of these 549 exclusions have expired. In particular, the exclusions for most of these products expired by December 31, 2020, and the remaining exclusions expired on March 25, and April 18, 2021. See 85 FR 15849 and 85 FR 20332. USTR is separately addressing the possible extension of certain COVID exclusions. See 86 FR 48280 and 86 FR 54011.

B. Possible Reinstatement of Previously Extended Product Exclusions

The U.S. Trade Representative is considering the possible reinstatement of previously extended exclusions granted under the notices referenced in notes 1–4 above. Accordingly, USTR invites public comments on whether to reinstate particular exclusions that previously were extended. Additionally, USTR invites public comments on the appropriate length of the reinstated exclusions.

USTR will evaluate the possible reinstatement of each exclusion on a case-by-case basis. The focus of the evaluation will be whether, despite the imposition of additional duties beginning in September 2018, the particular product remains available only from China. In addressing this factor, commenters should address specifically:

• Whether the particular product and/or a comparable product is available from sources in the United States and/or in third countries.

• Any changes in the global supply chain since September 2018 with respect to the particular product or any other relevant industry developments.

• The efforts, if any, the importers or U.S. purchasers have undertaken since September 2018 to source the product from the United States or third countries.

• Domestic capacity for producing the product in the United States.

In addition, USTR will consider whether or not reinstating the exclusion will impact or result in severe economic harm to the commenter or other U.S. interests, including the impact on small businesses, employment, manufacturing output, and critical supply chains in the United States, as well as the overall impact of the exclusions on the goal of obtaining the elimination of China’s acts, policies, and practices covered in the Section 301 investigation.

USTR will seek advice and consult with the agencies that make up the interagency Section 301 Committee, including the Small Business Administration.

Exclusions reinstated pursuant to this review would be retroactive with respect to merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the opening of the docket on October 12, 2021, for which the entries are not liquidated at the time the claim to apply the reinstated exclusion is made to U.S. Customs and Border Protection in accordance with their procedures.

C. How To Comment on the Reinstatement of Exclusions

The 549 previously-extended product exclusions can be found in the notices cited in notes 1–4 above. For ease of reference, USTR also is publishing a list of the previously extended exclusions on its website at: https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/enforcement/section-301-investigations/section-301-china-technology-transfer/china-section-301-tariff-actions-and-exclusion-process/reinstatement-certain-exclusions-previously-extended.

To submit a comment either supporting or opposing the reinstatement of a particular exclusion, commenters first must register on the portal at https://comments.USTR.gov. As noted above, the public docket on the portal will be open for 50 days, starting October 12, 2021. After registration, the commenter may submit an exclusion reinstatement comment to the public docket.

A facsimile of the form containing the questions to be addressed on the comment docket is available on USTR’s website at: https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/enforcement/section-301-investigations/section-301-china-technology-transfer/china-section-301-tariff-actions-and-exclusion-process/reinstatement-certain-exclusions-previously-extended. Set out below is a summary of the information to be submitted:

• Contact information, including the full legal name of the organization making the comment, and whether the commenter is a third party.

• The previously extended exclusion you are commenting on.

• Whether the product or products covered by the exclusion are subject to an antidumping or countervailing duty order issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

• Whether you support or oppose reinstating the exclusion and an explanation of your rationale.

• Whether the commenter meets the size standard for a small business, as established by the Small Business Administration.

• The number of employees your business employs in the United States.

• Whether the products covered by the exclusion or comparable products are available from sources in the U.S. or in third countries.

• The efforts you have undertaken since September 2018 to source the product from the U.S. or third countries.

• As a domestic producer, your capacity to produce the product in the United States, your production in the United States, your efforts to produce domestically, and any constraints.
The value and quantity of the Chinese-origin product covered by the specific exclusion request purchased over the last three years.

Whether Chinese suppliers have lowered their prices for products covered by the exclusion following the imposition of duties.

The value and quantity of the product covered by the exclusion purchased from domestic and third country sources over the last three years.

If applicable, the commenter’s gross revenues for the last three years.

Whether the Chinese-origin product of concern is sold as a final product or as an input.

Whether or not reinstating the exclusion will result in severe economic harm to the commenter or other U.S. interests.

Whether the additional tariffs had an impact on employment at your company.

Any additional information in support of or in opposition to reinstating the exclusion.

Commenters also may provide any other information or data that they consider relevant.

D. Submission Instructions

To be assured of consideration, you must submit your comment during the 50-day period following the opening of the public docket on the portal. Parties seeking to comment on more than one exclusion must submit a separate comment for each exclusion. USTR's portal allows for the submission of Business Confidential Information (BCI). Fields with a (BCI) notation are for BCI and the information entered will not be publicly available. By submitting a comment, the commenter certifies that the information provided is complete and correct to the best of their knowledge.

Greta Peisch,
General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Transportation Project in Florida

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review.

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of the FDOT, is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by FDOT and other Federal Agencies that are final agency actions. These actions relate to the proposed State Road 30 (US 98) Dupont Bridge Replacement Project in Bay County, Florida. These actions grant licenses, permits, or approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of FDOT, is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal Agency actions on the listed highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before March 7, 2022. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FDOT: Jennifer Marshall, P.E., Director, Office of Environmental Management, FDOT, 605 Suwannee Street, MS 37, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; telephone (863) 519–2239; email: Jennifer.Marshall@dot.state.fl.us. The FDOT Office of Environmental Management’s normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), Monday through Friday, except State holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective December 14, 2016, the FHWA assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that FDOT and other Federal Agencies have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, or approvals for the proposed improvement highway project. The actions by FDOT and other Federal Agencies on the project, and the laws under which such actions were taken are described in the Environmental Assessment approved on August 5, 2021, Finding of No Significant Impacts approved on August 5, 2021, and in other project records for the listed project. The Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impacts, and other documents for the listed project are available by contacting FDOT at the address provided above. The Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impacts, and additional project documents can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at: www.dupontbridge.com. The project subject to this notice is:

Project Location: City of Parker in Bay County; the project replaces the Dupont Bridge and upgrades the roadway approaches on US 98 from south of the Bonita Bay Outdoor Recreation Center to Oak Shore Drive, a distance of approximately one mile.

Project Actions: This notice applies to the Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impacts and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

2. Air: Clean Air Act (CAA) [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(g)], with the exception of project level conformity determinations [42 U.S.C. 7506].