

7. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will work cooperatively with other Federal Departments and agencies, where appropriate as determined by FEMA, to further the goals of this policy.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recognizes the importance of and is fully committed to the fulfillment of interagency partnership and will encourage communication, coordination and cooperation among all governmental agencies to ensure that the rights of tribal governments are fully represented and upheld.

8. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will internalize this policy to the extent possible so that it will be incorporated into ongoing and long-term planning and management processes, as well as day-to-day operations.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will to the extent possible effectively and fully incorporate all of the principles of this policy into all operations and basic tenets of its mission. The Agency will identify the office or individual to coordinate this policy and act as a liaison with American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in implementing and working with the policy and principles.

9. The effective date of this policy is upon signature by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after coordination and consultation with tribal governments.

As Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, I am designating Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Policy and Regional Operations, as the focal point for coordination and implementation of this Interim Policy. I am further appointing a task force of representatives of the various program and support elements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to define those ways in which the Agency can, when appropriate as determined by FEMA, fulfill the terms of this Interim Policy.

Therefore, as Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, I hereby direct all Agency components to implement this policy by incorporating all of the above principles in their planning and management activities, their legislative initiatives, as well as their policy development.

Dated: November 7, 1997.

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 97-21]

Pyramids International, Inc. v. Stuart Roland and Container X-Press, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint filed by Pyramids International, Inc., ("Complainant") against Stuart Roland and Container X-Press, Inc. ("Respondents") was served November 10, 1997. Complainant alleges that Respondents have violated sections 8(a), 10(d)(1), and 23(a) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. Sections 1707(a), 1709(d)(1), and 1721(a), by contracting to provide ocean transport for a shipment from New Orleans, Louisiana to Kotka, Finland and issuing a bill of lading without a proper tariff on file with the Federal Maritime Commission and subsequent to cancellation of Respondents' bond; booking the shipment with a third party entity without informing Complainant; accepting Complainant's check, while failing to pay the third party entity, thus delaying delivery and causing the third party to refuse to release Complainant's cargo until Complainant paid it ocean freight and one month's demurrage.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 10, 1998, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 10, 1999.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 97-20]

Shipco Transport, Inc. v. Mr. Syed N. Shirazi a/k/a Mr. Bobby Shaida and American Packers & Shippers, Inc. and Homebound International Shipping, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint filed by Shipco Transport, Inc., ("Complainant") against Mr. Syed N. Shirazi aka MR. Bobby Shaida and American Packers & Shippers, Inc. and Homebound International Shipping, Inc. ("Respondents") was served November 10, 1997. Complainant alleges that Respondents have violated sections 8(a), 10(a)(1), 19(a) and (d)(1), and 23(a) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. Sections 1707(a), 1709(a)(1), 1718(a) and (d)(1), and 1721(a), by contracting for Complainant to provide ocean transport on three ships from Los Angeles to destinations in the United Kingdom and Germany; issuing checks in payments for the transport that were returned for insufficient funds, in order to fraudulently secure the release of cargo and cause Complainant to lose its lien; failing to remit ocean freight and charges due despite repeated demands for payment; acting as a non-vessel operating common carrier without a tariff or bond; and acting as a freight forwarder without a Federal Maritime Commission license or bond.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, depositions, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by November 10, 1998, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by March 10, 1999.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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