

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice:12496]

**Notice of Public Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization Tenth Session of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) Meeting**

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 04, 2024, both in-person at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, and via teleconference. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 10th session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom from Monday, September 16 to Friday, September 20, 2024.

Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line, which can handle 500 participants or up to the seating capacity of the room if attending in person. The meeting location will be the United States Coast Guard Headquarters, and the teleconference line will be provided to those who RSVP. To RSVP, participants should contact the meeting coordinator, LT Joseph Kolb, by email at [Joseph.B.Kolb2@uscg.mil](mailto:Joseph.B.Kolb2@uscg.mil). LT Kolb will provide access information for in-person and virtual attendance.

The agenda items to be considered at CCC 10 include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Amendments to the IGF Code and development of guidelines for alternative fuels and related technologies (2.3)
- Review of the IGC Code (1.17)
- Amendments to the IMSBC Code and supplements (7.13)
- Amendments to the IMDG Code and supplements (7.10)
- Revision of the Revised guidelines for the preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual (MSC.1/Circ.1353/Rev.2) to include a harmonized performance standard for lashing software to permit lashing software as a supplement to the Cargo Securing Manual (7.40)
- Revision of the Revised recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships (resolution A.1050(27)) (6.23)
- Consideration of reports of incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas (7.28)

- Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment-related conventions (7.1)
- Development of measures to prevent the loss of containers at sea (7.20)
- Biennial status report and provisional agenda for CCC 11
- Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025
- Revision of the Interim recommendations for carriage of liquefied hydrogen in bulk (2.25)
- Any other business
- Report to the Committees

*Please note:* The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the CCC 10 agenda to accommodate the constraints associated with the virtual meeting format. Any changes to the agenda will be reported to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate should contact the meeting coordinator, LT Joseph Kolb, by email at [Joseph.B.Kolb2@uscg.mil](mailto:Joseph.B.Kolb2@uscg.mil), or in writing at United States Coast Guard, Hazardous Materials Division (CG-ENG-5), ATTN: LT Joseph Kolb, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509, by August 28, 2024.

Please note that, due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon request). Additionally, members of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise the meeting coordinator not later than August 28, 2024. Requests made after that date will be considered but might not be possible to fulfill.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2656 and 5 U.S.C. 552)

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36575]

**Townline Rail Terminal, LLC—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Suffolk County, N.Y.**

By petition filed November 17, 2022, Townline Rail Terminal, LLC (Townline), an affiliate of CarlsonCorp,

Inc. (CarlsonCorp), seeks an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10901 to construct and operate a new rail line in Smithtown, Suffolk County, N.Y. (the Line). (Townline Pet. 2, Nov. 17, 2022.) The Supervisor of the Town of Smithtown, N.Y. (Smithtown), filed a letter in support of Townline's petition. The Board also received numerous filings from community members and associations of community members opposing the petition.

On January 12, 2023, the Board instituted a proceeding under 49 U.S.C. 10502. The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) on January 5, 2024, examining the potential environmental and historic impacts of Townline's project and requesting public comments, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4370m(11), and related environmental laws, including Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. 306108. After considering the comments received in response to the Draft EA, OEA issued a Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) on June 7, 2024. Based on its analysis, OEA recommended environmental conditions to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed construction and operation. OEA concluded that, with the mitigation recommended in the Final EA, the project would have no or negligible adverse environmental impacts.

After considering the entire record, including the transportation merits and environmental issues, the Board will grant Townline's petition for exemption, subject to the recommended environmental mitigation measures in the Final EA.

**Background**

According to Townline, the Line would extend approximately 5,000 feet on a portion of CarlsonCorp's industrial property<sup>1</sup> and would run parallel to the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) Port Jefferson Line. (Townline Pet. 2, Nov. 17, 2022.) Townline states that the New York & Atlantic Railway (NYAR) operates on the Port Jefferson Line and has entered into an agreement with CarlsonCorp on behalf of LIRR to install a new switch that would connect the Line to the Port Jefferson Line. (*Id.* at 2-3.) Townline also states that it would interchange with NYAR and anticipates

<sup>1</sup> CarlsonCorp currently operates a state-permitted waste transfer facility on its property. (Townline Pet. 3, Nov. 17, 2022.)