

DATES: The Secretary of State's determination that EDD has knowingly, on or after August 2, 2017, engaged in a significant transaction with a person that is part of, or operates for or on behalf of, the defense or intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation, and the Secretary of State's selection of certain sanctions to be imposed upon EDD and Li Shangfu, are effective on September 20, 2018. The Secretary of State's updates to previously issued guidance pursuant to CAATSA Section 231(d) to specify additional persons that are part of, or operate for or on behalf of, the defense and intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation are effective on September 20, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas W. Zarzecki, Director, Task Force 231, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: 202-647-7594, ZarzeckiTW@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 231(a) of CAATSA and Executive Order 13849 the Secretary of State has selected the following sanctions to be imposed upon EDD:

- United States Government departments and agencies shall not issue any specific license or grant any other specific permission or authority under any statute that requires the prior review or approval of the United States Government as a condition for the export or re-export of goods or technology to EDD;
- A prohibition on any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which EDD has any interest;
- A prohibition on any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions, or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of EDD;
- All property and interests in property of EDD that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in; and
- Imposition on the principal executive officer or officers of EDD, or on persons performing similar functions and with similar authorities as such officer or officers, certain sanctions, as selected by the Secretary of State and described below.

The Secretary of State has selected the following sanctions to be imposed upon Li Shangfu, EDD's Director, who has been determined to be a principal executive officer of EDD, or to perform similar functions with similar authorities as such an officer:

- A prohibition on any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which Li Shangfu has any interest;
 - A prohibition on any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions, or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of Li Shangfu;
 - All property and interests in property of Li Shangfu that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in; and
 - The Secretary of State shall deny a visa to Li Shangfu, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall exclude Li Shangfu from the United States, by treating Li Shangfu as a person covered by section 1 of Proclamation 8693 of July 24, 2011 (Suspension of Entry of Aliens Subject to United Nations Security Council Travel Bans and International Emergency Economic Powers Act Sanctions).
- Also, pursuant to the authority in CAATSA Section 231(d), the Secretary of State is issuing updated guidance specifying the following additional persons that are part of, or operate for or on behalf of, the defense and intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation:

Section 231(d) List Regarding the Defense Sector of the Government of the Russian Federation

- Komsomolsk-na-Amur Aviation Production Organization (KNAAPO)
- Oboronlogistika, OOO
- PMC Wagner

Section 231(d) List Regarding the Russian Intelligence Sector of the Government of the Russian Federation

- Antonov, Boris Alekseyevich
- Aslanov, Dzheykhun Nasimi Ogly
- Badin, Dmitriy Sergeyevich
- Bogacheva, Anna Vladislavovna
- Bovda, Maria Anatolyevna
- Bovda, Robert Sergeyevich
- Burchik, Mikhail Leonidovich
- Bystrov, Mikhail Ivanovich
- Concord Catering
- Concord Management and Consulting LLC

- Gizunov, Sergey Aleksandrovich
- Internet Research Agency LLC
- Kaverzina, Irina Viktorovna
- Korobov, Igor Valentinovich
- Kovalev, Anatoliy Sergeyevich
- Kozachek, Nikolay Yuryevich
- Krylova, Aleksandra Yuryevna
- Lukashev, Aleksey Viktorovich
- Malyshev, Artem Andreyevich
- Morgachev, Sergey Aleksandrovich
- Netyksho, Viktor Borisovich
- Osadchuk, Aleksandr Vladimirovich
- Podkopaev, Vadim Vladimirovich
- Polozov, Sergey Pavlovich
- Potemkin, Aleksey Aleksandrovich
- Prigozhin, Yevgeniy Viktorovich
- Vasilchenko, Gleb Igorevich
- Venkov, Vladimir
- Yermakov, Ivan Sergeyevich
- Yershov, Pavel Vyacheslavovich

Christopher A. Ford,

Assistant Secretary of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 497 (Sub-No. 7X)]

**Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Norman
and Polk Counties, MN**

Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 5.8 miles of its “P Line” Subdivision between milepost 40.2 at the north end of the Marsh River Bridge, near Shelly, MN, and milepost 46.0 at Second Street in Nielsville, MN, in Norman and Polk Counties, MN (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 56561, 56568, and 56581.

MNN has certified that: (1) No local freight traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a state or local government acting on behalf of any such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending before the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the

abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) ¹ has been received, this exemption will be effective on November 5, 2018, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by October 15, 2018. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by October 25, 2018, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to MNN's representative, Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South La Salle Street, Suite 1666, Chicago, IL 60604–1228.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

MNN has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by October 12, 2018. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling OEA at (202)

¹ The Board modified its OFA procedures effective July 29, 2017. Among other things, the OFA process now requires potential offerors, in their formal expression of intent, to make a preliminary financial responsibility showing based on a calculation using information contained in the carrier's filing and publicly available information. See *Offers of Financial Assistance*, EP 729 (STB served June 29, 2017); 82 FR 30,997 (July 5, 2017).

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which is currently set at \$1,800. See *Regulations Governing Fees for Servs. Performed in Connection with Licensing & Related Servs.—2017 Update*, EP 542 (Sub-No. 25), slip op. App. B at 13 (STB served August 8, 2018).

245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), MNN shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by MNN's filing of a notice of consummation by October 5, 2019, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at www.stb.gov.

Decided: September 28, 2018.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE–2018–76]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; The Boeing Company

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before October 25, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2018–0845 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- **Mail:** Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Fax:** Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202–493–2251.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Forseth, AIR–673, Federal Aviation Administration, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198, phone and fax 206–231–3179, email mark.forseth@faa.gov; or Alphonso Pendergrass, ARM–200, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, phone 202–267–4713, email Alphonso.Pendergrass@faa.gov.

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Victor Wicklund,
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Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA–2018–0845.

Petitioner: Bombardier Inc.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: 25.1322(a)(2).

Description of Relief Sought: Bombardier Inc. requests time-limited relief from the requirements for engine-