



Rotterdam, 01 September 2003

Honorable Bryant L. Van Brakle
Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20573



RE: Petition of National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association
of America, Inc. for a Limited Exemption From Certain Tariff
Requirements of the Shipping Act of 1984

Petition No. 03-PS-03

Dear Secretary Van Brakle:

I am Frits Schouffoer, Executive Director for **GlobeTrans** International (GTI).

GlobeTrans International is the **NVOCC** facility of Global Logistics Associates, an International network of logistics providers, which was founded more than 13 years ago in the U.S.A. Our **NVOCC/OTI** license number is 018279, and we currently have about **100** international offices, 32 of them are located in the U.S.A.

The approximate cost entailed in establishing a tariff **website** and the cost of subscribing to a tariff publishing service, amounts to approximately Usd **6000.00** per year. These are actual **costs** as we pay a third party to maintain the rate filing **website** and they do the final submission to the **FMC/U.S.** Authorities.

Apart from that, our head office alone spends about 3 hours each month in maintaining the tariff **website** or making changes to tariff. The amount of time that our offices spend on rate filing is much higher. It would be difficult to convert this time into costs, but it goes without saying that a considerable amount of money is involved.

The tariffs are constantly subject to re-negotiation between our offices and individual customers and between our offices and the steamship lines. And we have the impression that shippers don't access or rely on our NVOCC rate tariffs. That is why we find that rate tariffs are not useful to our company or our customers.

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Executed on September 1st, 2003.

Frits Schouffoer
Executive Director, GlobeTransInternational

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