INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua
MINUTE NO. 321 **January 19, 2017**

OFFICIAL MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT CROSSING THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION OR OF EITHER SECTION

The Commission met in the headquarters office of the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua at 10:00 a.m. on January 19, 2017 to consider the official means of identification of vehicles and other equipment crossing the international boundary between the United States of America and the United Mexican States in connection with the official business of the Commission or of either Section.

The Commissioners noted that various Minutes have been adopted that describe the means for identifying vehicles, including boats, and other equipment operated by personnel of the Commission or of either Section along or across the international boundary as well as in the lakes formed by the international dams. They referred to the various Minutes on this subject: Minute No. 160, "Action on Adoption of an Official Pennant for the International Boundary Commission, United States and Mexico," dated November 12, 1937; Minute No. 184, "Adoption of Official Means of Identification of Personnel, Vehicles, and other Equipment Crossing the International Boundary on Official Business of the Commission or of Either Section Thereof," dated January 21, 1947; Minute No. 281, "Modification of the Official Decal Adopted to Identify Personnel, Vehicles and Other Equipment of the Commission," dated March 17, 1990; and Minute No. 312, "Official Means of Identification of Personnel, Vehicles, and other Equipment Crossing the International Boundary on Official Business of the Commission or of either Section," dated January 26, 2007. Collectively, these Minutes describe the way in which the Commission or either Section may use plates, pennants, and stickers with the official Commission decal for identifying vehicles, including boats, and other equipment.

The Commissioners discussed that under current practice, the official decal is most commonly used by itself to identify vehicles and equipment while the plates and pennants are rarely used as a supplementary means of identification. They noted that the official decal adopted in Minute No. 281 is similar to decals used by other agencies with vehicles and equipment along the international boundary and, when viewed from a distance, could be confused with them.

For this reason, the Commissioners determined it would be appropriate to more clearly identify vehicles and other equipment operated by personnel of the Commission or of either Section along or across the international boundary.

In light of the above, the Commissioners adopted the following resolutions, subject to approval of the two Governments:

Official Commission Decal

1. The Commission will continue to use the official decal adopted in Minute No. 281, in the manner depicted in Exhibit 1 of this Minute, except as a means of identifying vehicles, boats, and related equipment.

Identification of Automobiles, Vehicles, including Boats, and other Equipment

2. The Commission adopts the design shown in Exhibit 2 to identify automobiles and other vehicles, including boats, and other equipment operated by personnel of the Commission or of either Section along or across the international boundary, including the lakes formed by the international dams.

3. When necessary to identify vehicles and equipment, each Section will use the appropriate sticker from Exhibit 2 by securely attaching it to the vehicles and equipment in such manner as to be readily visible. The provisions of Minute No. 312 related to the use of plates and pennants as an additional means to identify vehicles and equipment will remain in effect.

4. This Minute is solely intended to modify the design of the sticker used to identify automobiles and other vehicles, including boats, and other equipment operated by personnel of the Commission or of either Section. It is not intended to modify any provision of any other Minute.

General Provisions

5. There will be a transition period of one year from the date this Minute enters into force for the new design to be applied on vehicles and equipment of the Commission or of either Section.

6. This Minute will enter into force upon notification of approval by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States through the respective Section of the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned.

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