

Major Issues Raised by the United States

The Philippines' Motor Vehicle Development Program (the "MVDP") provides tariff advantages to motor vehicle manufacturers located in the Philippines who meet certain requirements, including at least the following. First, manufacturers are required to use parts and components produced in the Philippines; the amount required varies by type and size of vehicle. Second, manufacturers are required to earn a percentage of the foreign exchange needed to import those parts and components by exporting finished vehicles; again, the percentage varies by type and size of vehicle. Compliance with these requirements entitles manufacturers to import parts, components and finished vehicles at a preferential rate. The United States also understands that foreign manufacturers' import licenses for parts, components and finished vehicles are conditioned on compliance with these requirements.

The MVDP appears to require outright that manufacturing firms in the motor vehicle sector must achieve specified levels of purchase or use of domestic content, and that they must achieve a neutralization of foreign exchange and balance the value of certain imports with the value of exports of motor vehicles and components. Moreover, it appears that manufacturing firms in the motor vehicle sector must comply with these requirements in order to obtain import licenses for certain motor vehicle parts and components; to obtain foreign exchange for those imports; and to obtain the right to import at preferential rates. Finally, it appears that the Philippines is providing a subsidy that is contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods.

The Philippines notified the WTO in 1995 that it was applying these measures. The Philippines made that notification pursuant to Article 5.1 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures, which allowed WTO Members to notify measures that were not in conformity with the provisions of that Agreement and thereby obtain an additional five years (until January 1, 2000) to bring such measures into conformity with that Agreement.

On May 23, 2000, the United States requested consultations with the Philippines under certain WTO agreements regarding those provisions of the MDVP. The U.S. consultation request alleged that these MVDP provisions are inconsistent with the Philippines' obligations under Articles III:4, III:5 and XI:1 of the GATT 1994,

Articles 2.1 and 2.2 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures, and Article 3.1(b) of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be English and provided in fifteen copies. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commenter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

(1) Must so designate the information or advice;

(2) Must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy; and

(3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include a listing of any comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the dispute; if a dispute settlement panel is convened, the U.S. submissions to that panel, the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submission, to the panel received from other participants in the dispute, as well as the report of the panel; and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/D-195, Philippines Motor Vehicle Dispute) may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30

a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A. Jane Bradley,

Assistant United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending June 2, 2000

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7434.

Date Filed: May 30, 2000.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: CTC COMP 0284 dated 26 May 2000, Expedited Resolution 002kk, Special Amending Resolution (Except USA/US Territories), Intended effective date: 1 August 2000.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7435.

Date Filed: May 30, 2000.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC31 SOUTH 0084 dated 26 May 2000, Expedited TC31 South Pacific Resolutions r1-r7, Intended effective date: 1 July 2000.

Dorothy Y. Beard,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending June 2, 2000

The following applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures.

Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order or, in appropriate cases, a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7446

Date Filed: May 30, 2000

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: June 20, 2000.

Description: Application of Oneida Airlines, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41101 and subpart B, applies for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing interstate scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail under 49 U.S.C. 41102.

Dorothy Y. Beard,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The *Federal Register* Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 4, 2000 [65 FR 17704]. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Wiegand, Maritime Administration, MAR-611, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-2627 or FAX: 202-366-3702. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Maintenance and Repair Cumulative Summary.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0007.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Ship Owner Operators.

Form (s): MA-140.

Abstract: The collection consists of form MA-140 to which are attached invoices and other supporting documents for expenses claimed for subsidy. Subsidized operators submit form MA-140 to the appropriate MARAD region office for review within 60 days of the termination of a subsidized voyage.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 300 hours.

Addressee: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on June 12, 2000.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-564]

Camas Prairie RailNet, Inc.—

Abandonment—In Lewis, Nez Perce, and Idaho Counties, ID (Between Spalding and Grangeville, ID)

On May 26, 2000, Camas Prairie RailNet, Inc. (CSPR) filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, an application for permission for the abandonment of a line of railroad known as the 2nd Subdivision or Grangeville Line extending from railroad milepost 0.00 near Spalding, ID, to railroad milepost 66.8 (end of track) near Grangeville, ID, a distance of 66.8 miles, in Lewis, Nez Perce, and Idaho Counties, ID. The line includes the stations of Lapwai (MP

3.3), Sweetwater (MP 5.3), Culesac (MP 12.1), Nucrag (MP 19.5), Ruebens (MP 26.1), Craigmont (MP 34.3), Ferdinand (MP 42.3), Cottonwood (MP 51.0), Fenn (MP 59.5), and Grangeville (MP 66.8), and traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 83501, 83522, 83523, 83524, 83526, 83530, 83531, 83548, and 83640.

The line contains federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it. The applicant's entire case for abandonment (case-in-chief) was filed with the application.

This line of railroad has been included in the railroad's system diagram map or has been included in its narrative in category 1 since December 28, 1999.¹

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by conditions imposed in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Any interested person may file with the Surface Transportation Board written comments concerning the proposed abandonment or protests (including the protestant's entire opposition case), by July 10, 2000. All interested persons should be aware that following any abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 (§ 1152.28 of the Board's rules) and any request for a trail use condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (§ 1152.29 of the Board's rules) must also be filed by July 10, 2000. The due date for applicant's reply to protests and its response to trail use requests is July 25, 2000. Persons who may oppose the abandonment or discontinuance but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by submitting verified statements of witnesses, containing detailed evidence, should file comments. Persons interested only in seeking public use or trail use conditions should also file comments. Persons opposing the proposed abandonment who wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest.²

¹ Applicant inadvertently neglected to furnish a copy of its system diagram map (SDM) or narrative to the Idaho Transportation Department on December 28, 1999. Applicant corrected this omission by faxing and mailing a copy to that agency on January 27, 2000, 120 days before filing its abandonment application. The SDM or narrative contained a *de minimis* mistake indicating that the line terminates at milepost 66.5 rather than at the end of the track at milepost 66.8.

² By decision served June 9, 2000, requests for oral hearing in this proceeding were denied. The