

Telecommunications Agreement; the telecommunications provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA"); and, other telecommunications trade agreements in force with respect to the United States, including those with the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation ("APEC") members, the European Union ("EU"), the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission ("CITEL"), Japan, Korea, Mexico and Taiwan. The USTR will conclude the review by March 31, 2002.

**DATES:** Submissions must be received by 12 noon on January 28, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, ATTN: Section 1377 Comments, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Schagrin, Office of Industry and Telecommunications (202) 395-5663; or Demetrios Marantis, Office of the General Counsel (202) 395-7305.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1377 requires the USTR to review annually the operation and effectiveness of all U.S. trade agreements regarding telecommunications products and services of the United States that are in force with respect to the United States. The purpose of the review is to determine whether any act, policy, or practice of an economy that has entered into a telecommunications trade agreement with the United States is inconsistent with the terms of such agreement, or otherwise denies to U.S. firms, within the context of the terms of such agreements, mutually advantageous market opportunities. For the current review, the USTR seeks comments on whether:

(1) any WTO Member is acting inconsistently with commitments under the WTO Basic Telecommunications Agreement (including the WTO Reference Paper) or with other WTO obligations (including the Annex on Telecommunications), in a manner that affects market opportunities for U.S. telecommunications products and services;

(2) Canada or Mexico has failed to comply with NAFTA telecommunications commitments (including under Chapters 11, 12, and 13 of that agreement);

(3) APEC or CITEL members, the EU, Japan, Korea, Mexico or Taiwan have failed to abide by commitments under additional telecommunications agreements with the United States.<sup>1</sup>

(4) outstanding issues remains from the 2000-2001 review conducted under Section 1377.<sup>2</sup>

For further details on these agreements, please see 63 FR 1140 (January 8, 1998).

#### Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

The USTR invites submissions concerning the operation and effectiveness of the WTO Basic Telecommunications Agreement; the NAFTA; and other telecommunications trade agreements in force with respect to the United States, including those with APEC members, CITEL members, the EU, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Taiwan.

Interested persons must provide fifteen copies of any submission, in English, to Gloria Blue, Office of the United States Trade Representative, by noon on January 23, 2002. Interested parties must also identify on the first page of the comments the telecommunications trade agreement(s) discussed therein.

All comments will be placed in the USTR Reading Room for inspection shortly after the filing deadline, except business confidential information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Confidential information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6, must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page on each of 15 copies, and must be accompanied by 15 copies of a non-confidential

the EU (1997), APEC countries (1998), and CITEL countries (1999) and

#### • Bilateral Agreements with:

Japan: on Nippon Telegraph and Telephone procurement (1999); public sector procurement of telecommunications products and services (1994); international value-added network services (1990-91); open government procurement of all satellites, except for government research and development satellites (1990); network channel terminating equipment (1990); and cellular and third-party radio systems (1989) and cellular radio systems (1994);

Korea: on type approval of telecommunications equipment (1992/1996), transparent standard-setting processes (1992/1997), and non-discriminatory access to Korea Telecommunication's procurement of telecommunications products (1992/1996);

Mexico: on test data acceptance agreements between product safety testing laboratories (1997); and

Taiwan: interconnection pricing for provision of wireless services (1998) and, licensing and provision of wireless services through the establishment of a competitive, transparent and fair wireless market (1996).

<sup>2</sup> See USTR Press Release 01-20 (available at [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov)) for detailed information of the results of the 2000-2001 Section 1377 review, which considered practices of Colombia, Mexico, Japan, South Africa, and Taiwan as well as five EU Member States (France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom).

summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the USTR Public Reading Room.

An appointment to review the comments may be made by calling Brenda Webb at (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in Room 3 of 1724 F Street, N.W.

**Carmen Suro-Bredie,**

*Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending December 7, 2001

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

*Docket Number:* OST-2001-11085.

*Date Filed:* December 3, 2001.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:*

PTC COMP 0881 dated 4 December 2001

Mail Vote 184 Resolution 010p TC2/12/23/123 Special Passenger Amending Resolution from Lithuania.

*Intended effective date:* 1 February 2002.

*Docket Number:* OST-2001-11124.

*Date Filed:* December 7, 2001.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:*

TC23/TC123 Africa-TC3

Africa-South Asian Subcontinent,

Africa-South West Pacific

Mail Vote 180-Africa-South East Asia

Mail Vote 181-Africa-Japan/Korea PTC23 AFR-TC3 0141 dated 2

November 2001

Africa-South Asian Subcontinent Resolutions r1-r12

PTC23 AFR-TC3 0142 dated 2

November 2001

Africa-South West Pacific Resolutions r13-r24

PTC23 AFR-TC3 0138 dated 29

October 2001

Africa-South East Pacific Resolutions r25-r36

<sup>1</sup> These agreements include:

• Mutual Recognition Agreements for conformity assessment of telecommunications equipment with

PTC23 AFR-TC3 0149 dated 23 November 2001 (Affirmative)  
 PTC23 AFR-TC3 0152 dated 30 November 2001  
 Africa-Japan/Korea Resolutions r37-r59  
 MINUTES—PTC23 AFR-TC3 0146 dated 13 November 2001  
 TABLES—PTC23 AFR-TC3 Fares 0065 dated 13 November 2001  
 PTC23 AFR-TC3 Fares 0066 dated 13 November 2001  
 PTC23 AFR-TC3 Fares 0069 dated 23 November 2001  
 PTC23 AFR-TC3 Fares 0070 dated 7 December 2001.  
*Intended effective date:* 1 April 2002.

**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 B (formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending December 7, 2001

The following applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity and foreign air carrier permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's procedural regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *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-2001-11092.

*Date Filed:* December 4, 2001.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* December 26, 2001.

*Description:* Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. sections 41108, 41102 and subpart B, requesting the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to engage in the scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between a point or points in the United States via intermediate points to a point or points in Poland and beyond. Northwest also requests that the Department integrate

this certificate authority with all of Northwest's existing certificate and exemption authority to the extent consistent with U.S. bilateral agreements and DOT policy.

**Dorothy Y. Beard,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of the currently approved collection. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 24, 2001, pages 48899 and 48900.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 28, 2002. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy Street on (202) 267-9895.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

*Title:* Flight Data Recorder Resolution Requirements.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0669.

*Form(s):* NA.

*Affected Public:* A total of 50 air carriers and individual aircraft operators.

*Abstract:* The FAA has issued a special aviation regulation that will provide relief from the flight data recorder requirements of 14 CFR 121.344 and will request information from airplane operators on which and how many planes are not in compliance. The information will be used by the FAA to track compliance with the underlying regulation, and to determine who will be affected by any subsequent

FAA action to resolve the problems described by the manufacturer.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* An estimated 67 hours annually.

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

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

Issues in Washington, DC, on December 19, 2001.

**Steve Hopkins,**

*Manager, Standards and Information Division, APF-100.*

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