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*Administrator.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9R02]

#### Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Allegheny County and the contiguous counties of Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Washington and Westmoreland in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of a severe storm (macro burst) and heavy rains that occurred on May 31, 2002. The storms produced strong winds and caused serious damages to a number of commercial buildings in the City of Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on May 23, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 3.5 percent.

The number assigned for economic injury for this disaster is 9R0200 for Pennsylvania.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 4115]

#### Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy; Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy (ACLD) will hold a meeting from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on September 18, 2002, in room 1406, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520. Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, will make welcoming remarks. Lorne Craner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Affairs will also attend. Committee

Chairman Thomas Donahue, former President of the AFL-CIO, will chair the meeting.

The ACLD is comprised of prominent persons with expertise in the area of international labor policy and labor diplomacy. The ACLD advises the Secretary of State and the President on the resources and policies necessary to implement labor diplomacy programs efficiently, effectively and in a manner that ensures U.S. leadership in promoting the objectives and ideals of U.S. labor policies in the 21st century. The ACLD makes recommendations on how to strengthen the Department of State's ability to respond to the many challenges facing the United States and the federal government in international labor matters. These challenges include the protection of worker rights, the elimination of exploitative child labor, and the prevention of abusive working conditions.

The agenda for the September 18 meeting includes: discussion of the interagency process on international labor policy formulation, implementation of the recommendations of the Committee's first report on U.S. labor diplomacy, reactions to the Committee's second report, and options for the Committee's agenda for the coming year.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting as seating capacity allows. As access to the Department of State is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must be pre-cleared by calling or faxing the following information, by opening of business September 17, to Kenneth Audroué at (202) 647-4327 or fax (202) 647-0431 or e-mail [audrouekr@state.gov](mailto:audrouekr@state.gov): name; company or organization affiliation (if any); date of birth; and social security number. Pre-cleared persons should use the C Street entrance to the State Department and have a driver's license with photo, a passport, a U.S. Government ID or other valid photo identification.

Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the Committee in writing. Those wishing further information should contact Mr. Audroué at the phone and fax numbers provided above.

Dated: August 28, 2002.

**John S. Carpenter,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**Titles:** Questionnaire for Exclusion Requesters; Questionnaire for Objectors.

**Form Numbers:** None.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0350-0011, 0350-0012.

**Type of Request:** Revision of currently approved collections.

**Burden:** Questionnaire for Exclusion Requesters: 4100 hours; Questionnaire for Objectors: 3387 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** Questionnaire for Exclusion Requesters: 250; Questionnaire for Objectors: 17.

**Avg. Hours Per Response:** The time needed to respond is estimated to range from 1.5 to 15 hours. Many of the respondents will be updating information with regard to an exclusion that they have previously requested, or to which they have previously objected. We estimate that their time for responding will average between 1.5 and 2 hours. Other respondents will be submitting a new request for exclusion or objecting to a new request for exclusion. We estimate that their time for responding will average between 11 and 15 hours. The time estimates include time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed questionnaires.

**Needs and Uses:** Section 203(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2253(a)) authorizes the President, in certain circumstances, to take appropriate and feasible action which the President determines will facilitate efforts by domestic industries to make a positive adjustment to import competition and provide greater economic and social benefits than costs. On March 5, 2002, acting pursuant to Section 203(a), the President issued Proclamation 7529, establishing temporary safeguards on imports of steel products. 67 Fed. Reg. 10553 (March 7, 2002). Proclamation 7529 states that in March of each year in which any of these safeguard measures remain in effect, the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") is authorized, upon publication in the **Federal Register** of a notice of his finding that a particular product should be excluded from these safeguard measures, to modify the HTS provisions created by the Annex to Proclamation 7529 accordingly. These information requests will identify products for which exclusion is sought, identify objections to the exclusion of such products, and

provide the information needed for the USTR to make a finding as to whether a product should be excluded.

**Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profit.

**Frequency:** Annually and as otherwise needed.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain benefits.

**OMB Desk Office:** David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the proposed requester's or objector's questionnaires can be obtained by submitting a request to the USTR Office of Industry, 600 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, Attn. Questionnaire Copy, fax 202-395-9674, telephone 202-395-5656. Please indicate clearly the questionnaire sought (requester's questionnaire or objector's questionnaire).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed collection should be sent on or before October 3, 2002, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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**James E. Mendenhall,**

*Deputy General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Review under 49 U.S.C. 41720 of Delta/Northwest/Continental Agreements

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice requesting comments.

**SUMMARY:** Delta Air Lines, Northwest Airlines, and Continental Airlines have submitted code-sharing and frequent-flyer program reciprocity agreements to the Department for review under 49 U.S.C. 41720. That statute requires such agreements between major U.S. passenger airlines to be submitted to the Department at least thirty days before the agreements' proposed effective date but does not require Department approval for the agreements. The statute authorizes the Department to extend the waiting period for these agreements at the end of the thirty-day period. The Department is inviting interested persons to submit comments that would assist the Department in determining whether it should extend the waiting period or take other action on the agreements.

**DATES:** Any comments should be submitted by September 10, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be filed with Randall Bennett, Director, Office of Aviation Analysis, Room 6401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th St. SW., Washington, DC 20590. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent possible. To facilitate consideration of comments, each commenter should file three copies of its comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Ray, Office of the General Counsel, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4731.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 23, Delta, Northwest, and Continental submitted code-sharing and frequent-flyer program reciprocity agreements to us for review under 49 U.S.C. 41720. That statute requires certain kinds of joint venture agreements among major U.S. passenger airlines to be submitted to the Department at least thirty days before they can be implemented. This requirement currently covers code-sharing agreements, long-term wet leases involving a substantial number of aircraft, and agreements concerning frequent flyer programs. By publishing a notice in the **Federal Register**, we may extend the waiting period by 150 days with respect to a code-sharing agreement and by sixty days for other types of agreements. At the end of the waiting period (either the thirty-day period or any extended period established by us), the parties are free to implement their agreement. The statute does not require the parties to obtain our approval before they implement an agreement. We normally could not block two airlines from implementing an agreement unless we issued an order under 49 U.S.C. 41712 (formerly section 411 of the Federal Aviation Act) in a formal enforcement proceeding that determined that the agreement's implementation would be an unfair or deceptive practice or unfair method of competition that would violate that section.

We have informally reviewed all agreements submitted under 49 U.S.C. 41720 in earlier years. In each case, the airline parties to the agreement filed the agreement directly with the Department staff that reviews them, and we did not establish a docketed proceeding for any such agreement. In reviewing each agreement, we focused on whether it would reduce competition. As noted, we would usually base any determination that an agreement was unlawful on a finding that the agreement was unlawful under 49 U.S.C. 41712 as an unfair method of competition, that is, that the agreement violated the antitrust laws or antitrust

principles. *See United Air Lines v. CAB*, 766 F.2d 1101 (7th Cir. 1985). Our review is analogous to the review of major mergers and acquisitions conducted by the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, since we are considering whether we should institute a formal proceeding for determining whether an agreement would violate section 41712.

In our review, we consult the Justice Department, which is responsible for enforcing the antitrust laws in the airline industry and may file suit and seek injunctive relief against the parties to an airline agreement, whether or not the agreement is subject to 49 U.S.C. 41720. We seek to avoid duplicative proceedings by this Department and the Justice Department.

Delta, Northwest, and Continental submitted their joint venture agreements one month after United and U.S. Airways submitted code-share and frequent-flyer program reciprocity agreements for review under 49 U.S.C. 41720. We have been conducting an informal review of the United/US Airways agreements. However, due to the public interest in the matter, we gave interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the United/US Airways agreements. We thought that the views of outside parties could assist us in determining whether to extend the waiting period and whether their agreements present serious issues under section 41712. 67 FR 50745 (August 5, 2002). The comments are public. 67 FR 52770 (August 13, 2002).

We will follow the same informal review process being used for the United/US Airways agreements and provide the same opportunity for public comments. Since the statute requires us to decide within thirty days of filing whether to extend the waiting period, we request that any comments be filed by September 10. Delta, Northwest, and Continental have prepared a redacted copy of their agreements that will be available for review and copying in room PL-401 of the Nassif Building, located in the northeast corner on the Plaza level, 400 7th St. SW., Washington, DC. We are making the copy available there, even though this case is not docketed, because it is readily accessible to the public and has a copying machine for public use.

The comments will be most helpful if they focus on the key issue in our review of the agreements under 49 U.S.C. 41720: whether the three airlines' implementation of the agreements may result in a significant reduction of competition in any market and therefore constitute an unfair method of