

Practices Review, all petitions to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country must be received by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee no later than 5 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2000. Petitions submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review and will be returned to the petitioner.

Notice also is hereby given that the 2000 Annual GSP Product Review is canceled due to the extraordinary work that is required to conduct an accelerated review of products eligible to be designated under GSP for beneficiaries of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act.

The GSP provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP is authorized by title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*), as amended (the "Trade Act"), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

A. 2000 GSP Annual Country Eligibility Practices Review

Interested parties may submit petitions to have the GSP status of any eligible beneficiary developing country reviewed with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) or 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)). Such petitions must comply with the requirements of 15 CFR 2007.01(b).

B. Submission of Petitions and Requests

Petitions to modify GSP treatment should be addressed to GSP Subcommittee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. An original and fourteen (14) copies of each petition must be submitted in English. If the petition contains business confidential information, an original and fourteen (14) copies of a nonconfidential version of the submission along with an original and fourteen (14) copies of the business confidential version must be submitted. In addition, the submission containing business confidential information should be clearly marked "business confidential" at the top and bottom of each and every page of the submission. Petitions submitted as "business confidential" must conform to 15 CFR 2003.6 and other qualifying information submitted in confidence must conform to 15 CFR 2007.7. The version that does not contain business confidential information (the public version) should

also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each (either page "public version" or "nonconfidential").

Only the public versions of the submissions will be available for public inspection and only by appointment. Appointments to review petitions may be made by contacting Ms. Brenda Webb (Tel. 202/395-6186) of the USTR Public Reading Room. The hours of the Reading Room are 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Jon Rosenbaum,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Trade and Development.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/D-202]

WTO Consultations Regarding U.S. Action Under Section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 Concerning Line Pipe

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that on June 13, 2000, Korea requested consultations with the United States under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO), regarding the U.S. action under section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 ("Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2253) concerning line pipe. Presidential Proclamation 7274, issued on February 18, imposed safeguards on imports of line pipe, effective March 1, 2000 (65 FR 9193, February 23, 2000). Korea alleges that the U.S. action on line pipe is inconsistent with various provisions of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"). Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding ("DSU"), such consultations are to take place within a period of 30 days from the date of the request, or within a period otherwise mutually agreed between the United States and Korea. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although the USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before July 21 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR prior to consulting with Korea.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Sandy McKinzy, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Room 122, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20508, Attn: Line Pipe Dispute. Telephone (202) 395-3582.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel Shub, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 395-7305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, but in an effort to provide additional opportunity for comment, USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested pursuant to the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding. If such consultations should fail to resolve the matter and a dispute settlement panel is established pursuant to the DSU, such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by Korea

On December 22, 1999, the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) transmitted to the President an affirmative determination in its investigation under section 202 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2252), with respect to imports of certain circular welded carbon quality line pipe (line pipe) provided for in subheadings 7306.10.10 and 7306.10.50 of the Harmonized Schedule of the United States. The USITC determined that line pipe is being imported in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury or the threat of serious injury to the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive article.

On February 18, 2000, pursuant to section 203 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2253), Presidential proclamation 7274 imposed increases in duties on imports of line pipe in excess of 9000 short tons (8,164,663 kg) from each country, effective March 1, 2000 through March 1, 2003. Proclamation 7274 exempts products of Canada and Mexico from these duty increases. Korea alleges that "the U.S. procedures and determinations that led to the imposition of the safeguard measure as

well as the measure itself" are inconsistent with U.S. obligations under Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 and 12 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards and with Articles I, XIII and XIX of the GATT 1994.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be in 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 proceeding; and, if applicable, the U.S. submissions to the panel in the proceeding, the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, to the panel received from other participants in the dispute, as well as the report of the dispute settlement panel, and the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/D-202, Line Pipe 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 23, 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-2000-7549.

Date Filed: June 19, 2000.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC2 EUR 0316 dated May 23, 2000

(Issuance).

PTC2 EUR 0325 dated June 16, 2000

(Adoption)

Mail Vote 076—Resolution 078y

TC2 Pex Fares Within Europe

Intended effective date: June 23, 2000

Docket Number: OST-2000-7566.

Date Filed: June 22, 2000.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

CAC/28/Meet/006/00 dated June 8, 2000

Finally Adopted Resos R1-6

Minutes—CAC/28/Meet/005/00 dated June 7, 2000

Intended effective date: October 1, 2000

Docket Number: OST-2000-7579.

Date Filed: June 23, 2000.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC12 USA-EUR 0099 dated June 20, 2000.

North Atlantic USA-Europe Expedited Resolutions 002v and 054s

Intended effective date: August 1, 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 23, 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-2000-7546.

Date Filed: June 19, 2000.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: July 10, 2000.

Description: Application of Swissjet, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 and subpart Q, applies for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to authorize Swissjet to engage in foreign charter air transportation of persons, property and mail.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7547.

Date Filed: June 19, 2000.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: July 10, 2000.

Description: Application of Swissjet Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 and subpart Q, applies for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to authorize Swissjet to engage in interstate charter air transportation of persons, property and mail.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7548.

Date Filed: June 19, 2000.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: July 10, 2000.

Description: Application of Continental Airlines, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 and subpart B, applies for renewal of its Route 682 certificate authorizing Continental to provide scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail between Newark, New Jersey, and Lima, Peru, via the intermediate point Bogota, Colombia.

Dorothy Y. Beard,

Federal Register Liaison.

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