

will assume that the domestic industry does not object to the exclusion of that particular product. Under extenuating circumstances, Commerce and USTR may revise the above schedule and will announce the changes on USTR's Web site.

Meetings with the Department of Commerce and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Commerce and USTR will provide an opportunity for meetings with interested persons beginning in the latter half of January 2003 to review the submissions related to exclusion requests. Interested persons who wish to request such a meeting should contact Commerce by electronic mail at exclusion_support@ita.doc.gov with a copy to USTR at astephens@ustr.gov. If the number of meetings requested exceeds the time available for such meetings, priority will be given to meetings regarding exclusion requests that, in the opinion of USTR and Commerce, require further inquiry.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please send inquiries regarding the exclusion process by e-mail simultaneously to: exclusion_support@ita.doc.gov and FR001@ustr.gov. You may also contact the Office of Industry and Telecommunications, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 501, Washington DC, 20508. Telephone (202) 395-5656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 5, 2002, pursuant to section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2253), the President issued Proclamation 7529 (67 FR 10553), which imposed tariffs and a tariff-rate quota on (a) certain flat steel, consisting of: Slabs, plate, hot-rolled steel, cold-rolled steel, and coated steel; (b) hot-rolled bar; (c) cold-finished bar; (d) rebar; (e) certain tubular products; (f) carbon and alloy fittings; (g) stainless steel bar; (h) stainless steel rod; (i) tin mill products; and (j) stainless steel wire, as provided for in subheadings 9903.72.30 through 9903.74.24 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) (safeguard measures) for a period of three years plus 1 day.

Proclamation 7529 delegated to the USTR the authority, in March of each year in which any safeguard measure established by the proclamation remains in effect, upon publication in the **Federal Register** of a notice of his finding that a particular product should be excluded, to modify the HTS provisions created by the Annex to the proclamation to exclude such particular

product from the pertinent safeguard measure established by the proclamation. This **Federal Register** notice provides further notice of the procedures for the consideration of these anniversary exclusion requests.

Each exclusion request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Only those exclusions that do not undermine the objectives of the safeguard measures will be granted. Analysis of the requests will include consideration of whether the product is currently being produced in the United States, whether substitution of the product is possible, whether qualification requirements affect the requester's ability to use domestic products, current inventory levels, whether the requested product is under development by a U.S. producer who will imminently be able to produce it in marketable quantities, and any other relevant factors.

Paperwork Reduction Act: This notice contains a collection of information provision subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB number. This notice's collection of information burden is only for those persons who wish voluntarily to request the exclusion of a product from the safeguard measures. It is expected that the collection of information burden will be no more than 20 hours. This collection of information contains no annual reporting or record keeping burden. OMB approved this collection of information under OMB Control Number 0350-0011. Please send comments regarding the collection of information burden or any other aspect of the information collection to USTR at the address above.

Robert B. Zoellick,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

**Aviation Proceedings, Agreements
Filed the Week Ending December 20,
2002**

The following agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation

under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2002-14104

Date Filed: December 18, 2002

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

PTC23 EUR-SEA 0157 dated

December 13, 2002

Expedited Europe-South East Asia

Resolutions 002be, 084cc

Intended effective date: February 1, 2003

Docket Number: OST-2002-14123

Date Filed: December 19, 2002

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

PTC COMP 0982 dated November 27, 2002—Resolutions

PTC COMP 0988 dated December 20, 2002—Adoption

Mail Vote 255—Resolution 010k

Special Passenger Amending

Resolution—Editorial Amendments

TC1 between USA and Chile, Panama

TC12 North Atlantic between USA—

Austria, Czech Republic, France,

Germany, Italy, Netherlands,

Scandinavia

TC31 South Pacific between New

Zealand and USA

Intended effective date: April 1, 2003

Docket Number: OST-2002-14124

Date Filed: December 19, 2002

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

PTC COMP 0983 dated November 27, 2002—Resolutions

PTC COMP 0989 dated December 20, 2002—Adoption

Mail Vote 256—Resolution 010L

Special Passenger Amending

Resolution—Editorial Amendments

TC1

TC2 Within Middle East, Within

Africa, Europe-Middle East, Europe-

Africa, Middle East-Africa

TC12 North Atlantic Canada-Europe,

USA—Europe, Mexico-Europe

TC12 North, Mid and South Atlantic-

Africa

TC31 South Pacific

Intended effective date: April 1, 2003.

Docket Number: OST-2002-14125

Date Filed: December 19, 2002

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

CTC COMP 0435 dated December 20, 2002

Mail Vote 260—Resolution 010ww

TC3/TC23/TC31 Special Cargo

Amending Resolution from Korea

(Dem. Rep. of)

Intended effective date: January 1, 2003
Docket Number: OST-2002-14139
Date Filed: December 20, 2002
Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association
Subject:
 PTC23 EUR-J/K 0091 dated December 20, 2002
 Mail Vote 259—Resolutions 081aa and 081x TC23/123 Europe-Japan/Korea
 TC23 IIT Fares from Germany to Japan, Korea (Rep.of) via EH, TS
 TC23/TC123 IIT Fares from Europe to Japan, Korea (Rep.of) via AP, EH, RU, TS
 Intended effective date: January 15 and April 1, 2003
Docket Number: OST-2002-14141
Date Filed: December 20, 2002
Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association
Subject:
 PTC3 0596 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 Within South Asian Subcontinent Expedited Resolution r1-r7
 PTC3 0598 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 Within South West Pacific Expedited Resolution 002dk r8
 PTC3 0600 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 between South Asian Subcontinent and South West Pacific Expedited Resolutions r9-r15
 PTC3 0602 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 between Japan and Korea Expedited Resolution 002cf r16
 PTC3 0603 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 between Japan, Korea and South Asian Subcontinent Expedited Resolutions r17-r25
 PTC3 0604 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 between Japan, Korea and South East Asia Expedited Resolution 002bm r26
 PTC3 0605 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 between Japan, Korea and South West Pacific Expedited Resolution 002ab r27
 Correction—PTC3 0606 dated December 13, 2002
 Corrects PTC3 0602 dated December 10, 2002
 Intended effective date: February 1, 2003
Docket Number: OST-2002-14142
Date Filed: December 20, 2002
Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association
Subject:
 PTC3 0601 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 between South East Asia and South West Pacific Expedited Resolutions 002aj, 063p r1-r2
 PTC3 0599 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 between South East Asia and

South Asian Subcontinent Expedited Resolutions r3-r11
 PTC3 0597 dated December 10, 2002
 TC3 Within South East Asia Expedited Resolutions 002y, 070uu r12-r13
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Docket Number: OST-2002-14144
Date Filed: December 20, 2002
Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association
Subject:
 PTC COMP 0993 dated December 23, 2002
 Mail Vote 261—Resolution 024d
 Amendment to rounding units for the Costa Rican Colon
 Intended effective date: January 1, 2003

Andrea M. Jenkins,

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 20, 2002.

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-1996-1200.

Date Filed: December 19, 2002.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: January 9, 2003.

Description: Application of Continental Micronesia, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. section 41102 and subpart B, requesting renewal of its route 171 segment 15 authority to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Guam and Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on the one hand, and Niigata, Japan, on the

other hand. Continental Micronesia also requests, renewal of the right to combine this authority with its authority in other markets to the extent permitted by applicable bilateral agreements.

Docket Number: OST-1996-1201.

Date Filed: December 19, 2002.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: January 9, 2003.

Description: Application of Continental Micronesia, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. section 41102 and subpart B, requesting renewal of its route 171 segment 16 authority to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Guam and Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on the one hand, and Okayama, Japan, on the other hand. Continental Micronesia also requests, renewal of the right to combine this authority with its authority in other markets to the extent permitted by applicable bilateral agreements.

Docket Number: OST-1998-3435.

Date Filed: December 19, 2002.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: January 9, 2003.

Description: Application of Federal Express Corporation, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. section 41102 and subpart B, requesting renewal of segment 4 of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for route 205-F, authorizing FedEx Express to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between points in the United States, on the one hand, and points in Japan, on the other hand, via intermediate points.

Docket Number: OST-1998-3441.

Date Filed: December 20, 2002.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: January 10, 2002.

Description: Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. section 41102 and subpart B, requesting renewal of segment 4 of its route 129 certificate of public convenience and necessity, authorizing Northwest to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between any point or points in the United States, via any intermediate point or points, and any point or points in Japan, and any point or points beyond Japan. Northwest also requests, that the Department integrate the requested certificate authority with Northwest's other certificate and exemption authority to the extent