

Dated: September 27, 1996.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2899; Amendment #1]

Pennsylvania; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective September 25, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Cumberland County, Pennsylvania as a disaster area due to damages caused by flooding associated with Tropical Depression Fran which occurred September 6-8, 1996.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous Pennsylvania Counties of Adams and York may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is November 12, 1996, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is June 13, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 1489).

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m. (CDT), October 16, 1996.

PLACE: University Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, Hartland D, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

STATUS: Open.

Agenda

Approval of minutes of meeting held on September 18, 1996.

New Business

A—Budget and Financing

A1. Fiscal Year 1996 Tax-Equivalent Payments.

C—Energy

C1. Supplement to Contract No. TV-95282V with Marathon Consulting Group, Incorporated, to provide procurement engineering services for all TVA Nuclear sites.

C2. Board approval for TVA Nuclear to award a contract to Senior Engineering Company for upgrades to the moisture separator reheaters at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 1 for a total contract amount of \$10.1 million, including installation.

E—Real Property Transactions

E1. Sale of permanent easement affecting 0.3 acre of land on Norris Lake in Union County, Tennessee, to Haskell Ayers (Tract No. XNR-903H).

E2. Amendment to the Kentucky Reservoir Land Management Plan to change the allocated use from wildlife management to public recreation for a 6.5-acre portion of Tract No. XGIR-229PT and grant a 25-year public recreation easement for the same area, designated as Tract No. XTGIR-145RE.

F—Unclassified

F1. Filing of condemnation cases.

Information Items

1. Revision of arrangements for distributor margin on interruptible load.

2. Sale of Tennessee Valley Authority Power Bonds and delegation of authority to the Chief Financial Officer and the Vice President and Treasurer to enter into current swap arrangements with the European Investment Bank.

3. Resignation option for employees assigned to TVA Services for fiscal year 1997.

4. Sale of permanent easements and temporary construction easements at Allen Fossil Plant to the City of Memphis (Tract Nos. XALSP-2H and XALSP-3RR).

5. Extension of teaming agreement No. TV-94218V with Team Associates, Inc., from September 30, 1996, through November 30, 1996, and to increase the maximum gross TVA expenditure limit to \$2.6 million.

6. Transmission Service Guidelines and other open access measures related to transmission service over the TVA transmission system.

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

Dated: October 9, 1996.

William L. Osteen,

Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. 301-108]

Initiation of Section 302 Investigation and Request for Public Comment: Argentine Specific Duties and Non-Tariff Barriers Affecting Apparel, Textiles, Footwear

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of investigation; request for written comments.

SUMMARY: The Acting United States Trade Representative (USTR) has initiated an investigation under section 302(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act), with respect to certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of Argentina concerning the imposition of (1) specific duties on apparel, textiles, footwear and other items above the 35 percent *ad valorem* rate to which Argentina is bound under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"); (2) a statistical tax of 3 percent *ad valorem* on imports from sources other than MERCOSUR countries; and (3) a burdensome labeling requirement on apparel, textiles and footwear. The United States alleges that these acts, policies and practices are inconsistent with certain provisions of the GATT 1994, the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994, and the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing. USTR invites written comments from the public on the matters being investigated.

DATES: This investigation was initiated on October 4, 1996. Written comments from the public are due on or before noon on Wednesday, November 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen James Chopra, Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere, (202) 395-5190, or Hal S. Shapiro, Assistant General Counsel, (202) 395-3582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 302(b)(1) of the Trade Act, 19 U.S.C. 2412(b)(1), authorizes the USTR to initiate an investigation under chapter 1 of Title III of the Trade Act (commonly referred to as "section 301") with respect to any matter in order to determine whether the matter is actionable under section 301. Matters actionable under section 301 include, *inter alia*, the denial of rights of the

United States under a trade agreement, or acts, policies, and practices of a foreign country that violate or are inconsistent with the provisions of, or otherwise deny benefits to the United States under, any trade agreement.

On October 4, 1996, having consulted with members of the relevant industries, the USTR determined that an investigation should be initiated to assess whether certain acts, policies and practices of Argentina regarding specific duties and non-tariff barriers affecting apparel, textiles and footwear are actionable under section 301(a). In 1995 and 1996, Argentina adopted specific duties on apparel, textiles, footwear and other items that are greater than Argentina's GATT 1994 tariff rate of 35 percent *ad valorem*.

In addition, Argentina imposes a statistical tax of 3 percent *ad valorem* on imports, which is not tied to the value of any services performed. Finally, Argentina imposes a labeling requirement on apparel, textiles, footwear and certain other items that may be an unnecessary obstacle to trade. Exporters of these products are required to complete an affidavit identifying product components, and each affidavit must receive an assigned identification number from the Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade that, in turn, must appear in the labels of covered merchandise.

The USTR believes that these acts, policies and practices are inconsistent with Articles II, VII, VIII and X of the GATT 1994; Article 2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade; Articles 1 through 8 of the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994; and Article 7 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

Investigation and Consultations

As required in section 303(a) of the Trade Act, the USTR has requested consultations with the Government of Argentina regarding the issues under investigation. The request was made pursuant to Article 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article XXII:1 of the GATT 1994, Article 14 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, Article 19 of the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994, and Article 7 of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing. If the consultations do not result in a satisfactory resolution of the matter, the USTR will request the establishment of a panel pursuant to Article 6 of the DSU.

Under section 304 of the Trade Act, the USTR must determine within 18 months after the date on which this investigation was initiated, or within 30

days after the conclusion of World Trade Organization dispute settlement procedures, whichever is earlier, whether any act, policy, or practice or denial of trade agreement rights described in section 301 of the Trade Act exists and, if that determination is affirmative, the USTR must determine what action, if any, to take under section 301 of the Trade Act.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the acts, policies and practices of Argentina which are the subject of this investigation, the amount of burden or restriction on U.S. commerce caused by these acts, policies and practices, and the determinations required under section 304 of the Trade Act. Comments must be filed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 15 CFR 2006.8(b) (55 FR 20593) and must be filed on or before noon on Wednesday, November 6, 1996. Comments must be in English and provided in twenty copies to: Sybia Harrison, Staff Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, Room 223, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508.

Comments will be placed in a file (Docket 301-108) open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2006.13, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page on each of 20 copies, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. The nonconfidential summary shall be placed in the file that is open to public inspection. An appointment to review the docket (Docket No. 301-108) may be made by calling Brenda Webb (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in Room 101.

Irving A. Williamson,

Chairman, Section 301 Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Aviation Proceedings; Agreements Filed During the Week Ending 10/4/96

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 of date of filing.

Docket Number: OST-96-1832.

Date filed: October 1, 1996.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: COMP Telex Mail Vote 828, Suspend Currency Restriction in Brazil, Intended effective date: October 25, 1996.

Docket Number: OST-96-1833.

Date filed: October 1, 1996.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC12 NMS/ME 0004 dated September 13, 1996 r-11, PTC12 NMS/ME 0005 dated September 13, 1996 r12-24, North Atlantic-Middle East/Israel Resos, Correction—PTC12 NMS-ME 0006 dated Sept. 20, 1996, Tables—PTC12 NMS-ME Fares 0002 dated Sept. 20, 1996, Intended effective date: April 1, 1997.

Docket Number: OST-96-1834.

Date filed: October 1, 1996.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC12 NMS/ME 0002 dated September 13, 1996 r1-18, PTC12 NMS/ME 0003 dated September 13, 1996 r19-37, North Atlantic-Middle East/Israel Resos, Intended effective date: April 1, 1997.

Docket Number: OST-96-1838.

Date filed: October 3, 1996.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: TC31 Telex Mail Vote 829, Reso 012p-Glossary of Terms, Intended effective date: April 1, 1997.

Paulette V. Twine,

Chief, Documentary Services Division.

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Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending October 4, 1996

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