

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

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-96-1830.

*Date filed:* October 1, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* October 29, 1996.

*Description:* Application of Pacific International Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 14 CFR 215.4, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests that the Department reissue the certificates of public convenience and necessity for both interstate and overseas and foreign charter authority which are presently in the name of Pacific International Airlines, Inc. in the name of Silverair, Inc.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-1578.

*Date filed:* September 30, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* October 28, 1996.

*Description:* Application of Skyjet, S.A. for Amendment of its foreign air carrier permit by expanding the scope of its request to include the following rights afforded by the new Belgium-U.S. bilateral agreement: Skyjet, S.A. requests a foreign air carrier permit authorizing passengers (and their accompanying baggage) between any point or points in Belgium via intermediate points to any point or points in the United States and beyond, provided the service serves a point in Belgium. In the performance of this service, Skyjet, S.A. is authorized to (1) make stopovers at any points whether within or outside the Belgium or the United States; (2) to carry traffic through the United States; (3) to combine on the same aircraft traffic originating in Belgium or the United States with traffic originating in the other country; (4) to combine on the same aircraft traffic originating at or destined for a point or points behind a point in Belgium with U.S.-Belgium traffic; and (5) to combine on the same aircraft traffic originating or destined for an intermediate point or points or traffic originating at or destined for a point or points beyond the territory of Belgium or the United States with U.S.-Belgium traffic.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-1190.

*Date filed:* October 4, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* November 1, 1996.

*Description:* Application of Challengair, S.A. d/b/a Belgium

Challengair, hereby amends its application such that it now seeks, in addition to the basic U.S.-Belgium charter authority, authority to conduct the following additional services based on the new U.S. Belgium "Open Skies" Agreement: (a) "to make stopovers at any points whether within or outside the territory of either Party" ("Annex II of the Air Transport Agreement, Oct. 23, 1980, U.S.-Belgium, as amended Sept. 5, 1995, Section 1(1)"); (b) "to carry traffic through the other Party's territory" ("Id. Section 1(2)"); (c) "to combine on the same aircraft traffic originating in one Party's territory" (Id. Section 1((3)"); (d) "to combine on the same aircraft traffic originating at or destined for a point or points behind a point in its territory with U.S.-Belgium traffic" ("Id. Section 1(4)"); and (e) "to combine on the same aircraft traffic originating at or destined for an intermediate point or points or traffic originating at or destined for a point or points beyond the territory of either Part with U.S.-Belgium traffic" ("Id. Section 1(5)").

*Docket Number:* OST-95-659.

*Date filed:* October 4, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* November 1, 1996.

*Description:* Application of Air 21, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102(a)(1), and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests renewal of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to engage in Interstate and Overseas Scheduled and Charter Air Transportation.

Paulette V. Twine,

Chief, Documentary Services Division.

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## Office of the Secretary

### Fitness Determination of Golden West Airlines, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Order to Show Cause (Order 96-10-10).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation is proposing to find that Golden West Airlines, Inc., is fit, willing, and able, to provide commuter air service under 49 U.S.C. 41738.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than October 22, 1996.

**RESPONSES:** All interested persons wishing to respond to the Department of Transportation's tentative fitness determination should file their responses with James A. Lawyer, Air Carrier Fitness Division, X-56, Room

6401, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, and serve them on all persons listed in Attachment A to the order. Responses should be filed no later than November 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James A. Lawyer, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 366-1064.

Dated: October 7, 1996.

Patrick V. Murphy,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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## Federal Aviation Administration

### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss transport airplane and engine (TAE) issues.

**DATES:** This meeting is scheduled for October 22 and 23, 1996 beginning at 8:30 a.m. on October 22. Arrange for oral presentations by October 15, 1996.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting will be held in Conference Rooms B and C of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA), 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie Smith, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-9682.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App II), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held October 22 and 23, 1996 at the ATA, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

The agenda will include:

- Opening remarks.
- Review of action items.
- Reports of working groups.
- Briefing on status of Alternative

Methods of Compliance recommendations.

- Report on September 19 Hoofddorp meeting.

- Briefing on Repair Assessment notice of proposed rulemaking.