

to allow other varieties of apples, such as Gala, Fuji, Braeburn, Jonagold and Granny Smith, to be imported into Japan unless lengthy and expensive tests are performed on each variety to prove the efficacy of the same methyl bromide/cold storage treatment at killing codling moths. There is no scientific basis for distinguishing between different varieties of fruit in this respect.

The USTR believes that these measures are inconsistent with the obligations of Japan under several provisions of the WTO Agreements, including Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures; Article XI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994; and Article 4 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

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 that 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, N.W., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include a listing of any comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the proceeding; 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, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/D-20, "U.S.-Japan Fruit Quarantine 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-52]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion of omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before November 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. 29009, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMNTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heather Thorson (202) 267-7470 or Angela Anderson (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 11).

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 8, 1997.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29009.

Petitioner: United Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR part 93, subparts K and S.

Description of Relief Sought: To prevent the withdrawal of domestic slots from UAL at O'Hare International Airport for reallocation to foreign carriers.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

October 7, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1549.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Tip Reporting Alternative Commitment for the food and beverage industry.

Description: Information is required by the Internal Revenue Service in its Compliance efforts to assist employers and their employees in understanding and complying with section 6053(a), which requires employees to report all their tips monthly to their employers.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 6,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 40 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 237,881 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 7, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Departmental Offices/International Trade Data Systems Project Office

OMB Number: 1505-0162.

Form Number: CF 3461, CF 3461 ALT, CF 7501, CF 7512, and CF 7533.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: North American Trade Automation Prototype Data.

Description: The requested data is from volunteer trading community participants in the prototype test with the United States, Canada, and Mexico to improve the electronic exchange of data in the execution of North American land border commercial trade transactions.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 3,758 hours.

Clearance Officer: Lois K. Holland, (202) 622-1563, Departmental Offices, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20220.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

October 2, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: New.

Form Number: IRS Form 8853.

Type of Review: New collection.

Title: Medical Savings Accounts and Long-Term Care Services and Contracts.

Description: This form is used by individuals to report general information about their medical savings accounts (MSAs), to figure their MSA deductions, and to figure their taxable distributions from MSAs. The form is also used to report taxable payments from long-term care (LTC) contracts.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 2,250,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping	1 hr., 6 min.
Learning about the law or the form.	32 min.

Preparing the form	1 hr., 14 min.
Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS.	20 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.
Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 3,877,500 hours.
Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.
OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 2, 1997

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Special Request

In order to conduct the focus group interviews described below in the late-October to November 1997 timeframe, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by October 15, 1997. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.

Project Number: M:SP:V 97-021-G.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Refund Inquiry Focus Groups.

Description: The objective of these focus group interviews is to gather feedback from taxpayers on why taxpayers call the IRS multiple times to check on the status of their refunds. The groups will be held in the in the following cities: Jacksonville, Florida,