

Permit Conditions and Data Collection Plan

The vessels will comply with all express and implied conditions set by CCAMLR. General conditions include 120 mm minimum mesh size (Conservation Measure 2/III), and no net monitor cables to be used (Conservation Measure 30/X). The five-day catch and effort reporting system (Conservation Measure 51/XII) and the monthly effort and biological data reporting required by Conservation Measures 121/XVI and 122/XVI will also apply in Statistical Division 58.4.3, and Statistical Division 58.4.1 west of 90°E.

In addition to conditions set by CCAMLR, the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) will require that the vessels carry an operating VMS which will enable AFMA to know their position at all times. An inspector/scientific observer will also be aboard all vessels at all times to monitor activities and catches and to collect biological data.

The following data and material will be collected from both the survey and commercial fishing operations, as required by the CCAMLR Scientific Observers Manual for finfish fisheries:

- (i) haul-by-haul catch and catch per effort by species;
- (ii) haul-by-haul length frequency of common species;
- (iii) sex and gonad state of common species;
- (iv) diet and stomach fullness;
- (v) scales and/or otoliths for age determination;
- (vi) by-catch of fish and other organisms; and
- (vii) observations on the occurrence of seabirds and mammals in relation to fishing operations, and details of any incidental mortality of these animals.

Figure 1: Chart of the Elan Bank area, showing the location and numbering system of the 15 n mile sampling squares.

Figure 2: Chart of the BANZARE Bank area, showing the location and numbering system of the 25 n mile sampling squares.

Conservation Measure 168/XVII^{1,2}

Exploratory Longline Fisheries for Dissostichus eleginoides in Statistical Subarea 58.6 in the 1998/99 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 65/XII:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 58.6 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fisheries by France and South Africa. The fisheries shall be conducted by

French and South African flagged vessels using longlining only.

2. The precautionary catch limit for these exploratory fisheries in Statistical Subarea 58.6 shall be limited to 1 555 tons of *Dissostichus eleginoides*, to be taken by longlining. In the event that this limit is reached, the fisheries shall be closed.

3. For the purpose of these exploratory longline fisheries, the 1998/99 fishing season is defined as the period from 15 April to 31 August 1999.

4. The exploratory longline fisheries for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measures 29/XVI and 133/XVI.

5. Each vessel participating in these exploratory longline fisheries will be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.

¹ Except for waters adjacent to the Crozet Islands

² Except for waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands

Conservation Measure 169/XVII

Exploratory Longline Fishery for Dissostichus eleginoides and *Dissostichus mawsoni* in Statistical Subarea 88.1 in the 1998/99 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 65/XII:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *Dissostichus mawsoni* in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by New Zealand. The fishery shall be conducted by no more than two New Zealand flagged vessels using longlining only.

2. The precautionary catch for these exploratory longline fisheries in Subarea 88.1 shall be limited to 271 tons of *Dissostichus* spp. north of 65°S and 2 010 tons of *Dissostichus* spp. south of 65°S. In the event that these limits are reached, the fishery shall be closed.

3. For the purposes of this exploratory longline fishery, the 1998/99 fishing season is defined as the period from 15 December 1998 to 31 August 1999.

4. The directed longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 north of 65°S shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 29/XVI. South of 65°S the directed fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with all the provisions of Conservation Measure 29/XVI, except paragraph 3. To permit experimental line weighting trials south of 65°S, longlines may be set during daylight hours if the vessels can demonstrate a consistent minimum line sink rate of 0.3 meters per second.

Vessels shall revert to setting longlines at night in accordance with Conservation Measure 29/XVI if a significant level of seabird by-catch occurs.

5. The directed longline fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 161/XVII.

6. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery shall be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.

Dated: December 8, 1998.

Raymond V. Arnaudo,

Deputy Director, Office of Oceans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending December 11, 1998

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 of date of filing.

Docket Number: OST-98-4870.

Date Filed: December 7, 1998.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

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Resolution 0171

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Docket Number: OST-98-4892.

Date Filed: December 9, 1998.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC3 0257 dated December 8, 1998 r1-5

PTC3 0259 dated December 8, 1998 r6

PTC3 0261 dated December 8, 1998 r7-9

PTC3 0263 dated December 8, 1998 r10-13

PTC3 0266 dated December 8, 1998 r14

Intended effective date: February 1, 1999.

Docket Number: OST-98-4893.

Date Filed: December 9, 1998.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC3 0255 dated December 8, 1998 r1

PTC3 0256 dated December 8, 1998 r2-6

PTC3 0258 dated December 8, 1998 r7

PTC3 0260 dated December 8, 1998 r8-13

PTC3 0262 dated December 8, 1998 r14-17

PTC3 0264 dated December 8, 1998 r18

PTC3 0265 dated December 8, 1998 r19

PTC3 0267 dated December 8, 1998 r20-21

Expedited PTC3 Resolutions, Excluding U.S.

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Docket Number: OST-98-4904.

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Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC2 EUR 0228 dated December 8, 1998 r1-2

PTC2 EUR 0229 dated December 8, 1998 r3

PTC2 EUR 0230 dated December 8, 1998 r4

PTC2 EUR 0231 dated December 8, 1998 r5

PTC2 EUR 0232 dated December 8, 1998 r6

Within Europe Expedited Resolutions
PTC2 EUR 0224 dated November 17, 1998—Minutes

Intended effective date: as early as March 27, 1999.

Dorothy W. Walker,

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 December 11, 1998

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-98-4881.

Date Filed: December 9, 1998.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: January 6, 1999.

Description: Application of American International Airways, Inc., pursuant to

49 U.S.C. section 41102, part 201 and subpart Q, requests issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing AIA to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point in the countries listed in appendix A to this application. AIA also requests authority to integrate this certificate authority with all services AIA is otherwise authorized to conduct pursuant to its existing exemption and certificate authority and consistent with applicable agreements between the U.S. and foreign countries. This application conforms to the scope of the application of Florida West International Airways, Inc. in Docket OST-98-4793.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[FAA Docket No. 29303]

RIN 2120AG58

Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges, Request for Comments

AGENCY: United States Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

ACTION: Notice extending comment period.

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, August 12, 1998, the Department of Transportation opened a public docket to receive information and comments from interested parties on the replacement provisions of the Department of Transportation's Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges (Policy Statement) issued June 21, 1996, and vacated in part by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. By this notice, the Department is extending the time period for public comment from December 30, 1998, until January 31, 1999. The due date for reply comments is extended to March 1, 1999.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by January 31, 1999. Reply comments will be accepted and must be submitted on or before March 1, 1999. Comments that are received after that date will be considered only to the extent possible.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice must be delivered or mailed, in quadruplicate, to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Chief Counsel,

Attention: Rules Docket (AGC-10), Docket No. 29303, 800 Independence Ave, SW, Room 915G, Washington, DC 20591. All comments must be marked "Docket No. 29303." Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments must include a preaddressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 29303." The postcard will be date stamped and mailed to the commenter. Comments on this Notice may be delivered or examined in room 915G on weekdays, except on Federal holidays, between 8:30 am and 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Barry Molar, Manager (AAS-400), (202) 267-3187; or Mr. Wayne Heibeck, Compliance Specialist (AAS-400), (202) 267-8726, Airport Compliance Division, Office of Airport Safety and Standards, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 12, 1998, the Department published an advance notice of proposed policy on airport rates and charges requesting public comments (63 FR 43228). In that request, we asked parties to provide us with suggestions for replacement provisions for the portions of the Department of Transportation's Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges (Policy Statement) issued June 21, 1996, that were vacated by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The notice provided for comments to be submitted by October 13, 1998. Reply comments were to be submitted on or before October 26, 1998.

Based on a September 4 petition of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA), and a September 10 petition jointly filed by the Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) and the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), we extended the comment period on the proposed policy to December 30, 1998.

The Department now understands that industry commenters are attempting to respond to the Secretary's initiative on airport competitive practices by December 31, 1998, and need more time to respond to the August 12 advance notice. Consequently, we have determined that a further extension of time is warranted on the advance notice in order to assure that the common issues in the proceeding in Docket No. OST 98-4025 and this proceeding are fully addressed in the comments.