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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Order 88 8-1

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Action on IATA Agreement
Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 4th day of August, 1998

Docket: OST-98-4082, R-1 and R-2 1/

Description: The agreement increases all passenger fares, except add-on fares and related charges, from Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland to points in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Australasia and the Pacific Islands by twelve percent; and to points in the Western Hemisphere and Europe by fifteen percent to offset the continued depreciation of the various national currencies.2/

We do not find the resolutions incorporated in the above docket to be adverse to the public interest or in violation of 49 U.S.C. 41309, provided that approval is subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

Accordingly, we approve and grant antitrust immunity to the agreement, subject, where applicable, to conditions previously imposed.

This order shall be effective and become the action of the Department of Transportation upon the expiration of ten days, unless within such period a petition for review is filed pursuant to 14 CFR 385.30 or the Department gives notice that it will review this order on its own motion. Such actions are subject to judicial review under 49 U.S.C. 46110.

Given the noncontroversial nature of this agreement and the availability of the above procedure, we are waiving the 21-day period prescribed by 14 CFR 303.42.

Paul L. Gretch
Director, Office of International Aviation

1/ IATA COMP Telexes TV/6075 and TV/6078, filed with the Department on July 15, 1998.

2/ Passenger fares, cargo rates and related charges are specified in the local currency of the country of origin under procedures conditionally approved by Orders 84-5-108, May 31, 1984, and 88-4-21, April 4, 1988. IATA monitors exchange rate fluctuations and may propose offsetting fare and/or rate revisions when currency movements exceed certain criteria. The fare and/or rate revisions, however, must be filed and approved before being implemented.