

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

Order 96-4-13
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Action on IATA Agreement
Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 5th day of April, 1996

Docket: OST-96-1139 1/

Description: The agreement increases passenger fares (except additions) from Zimbabwe to most points throughout the world, including U.S. points, by fifteen percent to help offset the continued depreciation of the Zimbabwe dollar. 2/3/

We do not find the resolution 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 385.50 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.

1/ IATA Telex TG/031, filed with the Department on March 11, 1996.

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.

3/ Lesser increases of ten and 7.5 percent apply to points in Africa (except Libya) and to points in the Middle East and TC3, respectively.

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.

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