

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

Order 96-6-44
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Action on IATA Agreement
Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 21st day of June, 1996

Docket: OST-96-1409 1/

Description: The agreement increases fares from Malawi to points throughout the world, including U.S. points, by five percent . This general increase supersedes various fare increases adopted at recent IATA Tariff Coordinating Conferences regarding Malawi which were disapproved by the Malawian government in favor of a general fare increase 2/. Although the increase affects fares to United States points, we will not attach our usual condition regarding adherence to Standard Foreign Fare Level criteria since there are no direct services offered between the United States and Malawi.

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.

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.

1/ IATA memorandum COMP Mail Vote 805, filed with the Department on May 28, 1996.

2/ IATA submitted an agreement rescinding the conference increases in Docket OST-96-1244, which was approved by the Department in Order 96-6-2, June 3, 1996.

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