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

Action on IATA Agreement
Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 27th day of February, 1998

Docket: OST-98-3428 ^{1/}

Description: The agreement revises fares between Africa and North America to reflect either government disapprovals of increases adopted at recent IATA conferences or government-approved increases that differ from IATA-agreed levels. Changes affecting travel to/from U.S. points, include rollbacks of three to seven percent, depending upon the fare type, to previously agreed fare increases from Ghana, Malawi and Tanzania. The previous IATA- agreed increase in fares from Malawi is replaced by a five percent increase, while fares from Botswana also increase five percent to offset depreciation in the national currency. Although the increases affect 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 the affected markets.

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.

Paul L. Gretch
Director, Office of International Aviation

^{1/} IATA memorandum PTC12 NMS-AFR 0031, filed with the Department on February 4, 1998.

