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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
December 15, 1998
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Action on IATA Agreement
Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 15th day of December, 1998

Docket: OST-98-4658 1/

Description: The agreement increases fares from Sri Lanka to points in North America via North Atlantic routings by fifteen percent. 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 Sri Lanka.

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 385.30 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.

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Director, Office of International Aviation