

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

Order 97-2-13
Served 2/21/97

Action on IATA Agreement
Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 14th day February, 1997

Docket: OST-97-2100 1/

Description: The agreement i ncreases passenger fares, except for add-ons and related charges, from South Africa to most point s throughout the world, including U.S. points, by ten percent t o offset the continued depreciation of the South African rand. 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, t o conditions previously imposed.

Accordingly, we approve and grant antitrust immunity to th e agreement, subject, where applicable, to conditions previousl y imposed.

This order shall be effective and become the action of th e 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 j udicial review under 49 U.S.C. 46110.

Given the noncontroversial nature of this agreement and th e availability of the above procedure, we are waiving the 21-da y

1/ IATA COMP Telex TV/5871, filed with the Department on Januar y 24, 1997.

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/ The increase does not apply to fares to Namibia, Swaziland and Lesotho.

period prescribed by 14 CFR 303.42.

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