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It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b) (2) of Act,<sup>11</sup> that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-Phlx-95-88), as amended, is hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

Margaret H. McFarland,  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Office of International Aviation; Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) the notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intentions to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by no later than April 15, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Four (4) copies of any comments should be sent to the Pricing and Multilateral Affairs Division (X-43), Office of International Aviation, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Keith A. Shangraw or Mr. John H. Kiser, Office of the Secretary, Office of International Aviation, X-43, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Telephone: (202) 366-2435.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Tariffs.

*OMB Control Number:* 2106-0009.

*Expiration Date:* April 30, 1996.

*Type of Request:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Chapter 415 of Title 49 of the United States Code requires that

every air carrier and foreign air carrier file with the Department of Transportation (DOT), publish and keep open (*i.e.* post) for public inspection, tariffs showing all "foreign" or international fares, rates, and related charges for air transportation between points served by it, and points served by it and any other air carrier or foreign air carrier when through fares, rates and related charges have been established; and showing, to the extent required by DOT regulations, all classifications, rules, regulations, practices, and services in connection with such air transportation. Once tariffs are filed and approved by DOT, they become a legally binding contract of carriage between carriers and users of foreign air transportation.

Part 221 of the Department's Economic Regulations (14 CFR Part 221) sets forth specific technical and substantive requirements governing the filing of tariff material with the DOT Office of International Aviation's Pricing and Multilateral Affairs Division. A carrier initiates a tariff filing whenever it wants to amend an existing tariff for commercial or competitive reasons or when it desires to file a new one. Tariffs filed pursuant to Part 221 are used by carriers, computer reservations systems, travel agents, DOT, other government agencies and the general public to determine the prices, rules and related charges for international passenger air transportation. In addition, DOT needs U.S. and foreign air carrier passenger tariff information to monitor international air commerce, carry out carrier route selections and conduct international negotiations.

*Respondents:* The vast majority of the air carriers filing international tariffs are large operators with revenues in excess of several million dollars each year. Small air carriers operating aircraft with 60 seats or less and 18,000 pounds payload or less that offer on-demand air-taxi service are not required to file such tariffs.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 230.

*Average Annual Burden Per Respondent:* 5,700 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,300,000 hours.

This information collection is available for inspection at the Pricing and Multilateral Affairs Division (X-43), Office of International Aviation, DOT. Copies of 14 CFR Part 221 can be obtained from Mr. Keith A. Shangraw at the address and telephone number shown above.

*Comments Are Invited On:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on February 12, 1996.

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*Assistant Director, Regulatory Affairs, Office of International Aviation.*

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#### Notice of Meeting on Cargo Liability

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is required by the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995, Public Law 104-88, Sec. 103, to conduct a study to determine whether any modifications or reforms should be made to the loss and damage provisions relating to motor carriage, including those relating to limitations of liability. The statute requires the Secretary, at a minimum, to consider the following factors:

- Efficient delivery of transportation services
- International harmony
- Intermodal harmony
- The public interest; and
- The interests of carriers and shippers

The study is to be completed in 12 months and be submitted to Congress, together with any recommendations of the Secretary, including legislative recommendations or reforms identified by the Secretary as being appropriate.

The public is invited to a public meeting at DOT headquarters in order to comment on and contribute to the study. To do an adequate study the Department will need information about the volume and value of cargo being transported and about shippers' and carriers' loss and damage costs. Those who cannot attend are invited to send written comments to the contact person listed below.

*Time and Date:* Friday, February 23, 1996 at 9:30 a.m.

*Place:* 400 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20590, Room 8236.

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b) (2).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a) (12).