

public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the above-mentioned self-regulatory organization. All submissions should refer to the file number in the caption above and should be submitted by March 7, 1997.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>2</sup>

Margaret H. McFarland,

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Request for Public Comments on U.S. Positions in Negotiations on the People's Republic of China's Accession to the World Trade Organization

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting additional written comments from the public with respect to issues arising in the context of negotiations on the terms and conditions of the People's Republic of China's (China) accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). In particular, the TPSC is seeking information on market access issues, including tariffs, non-tariff measures, services, access for agricultural products, subsidies and investment policies, and protection of intellectual property rights. The Executive Branch will consider the written comments received in developing and refining U.S. positions and objectives in China's accession negotiations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Written comments must be received no later than noon, March 14, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Martha Cheng, Director for China, 202-395-5050, or Catherine Field, Senior Counsel for Multilateral Affairs, 202-395-3432, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Chairman of the TPSC invites written

comments from the public on issues to be addressed in the context of negotiations on China's accession to the WTO. Although the TPSC requested and received comments from the public in July 1994 and August 1988 on China's accession to GATT 1947, the need to obtain more current views and advice on a broad range of issues prompted this request. Specifically, the TPSC is seeking written comments on the full range of issues in China's accession process including: (1) Market access issues related to industrial goods, agriculture, and services (including financial and telecommunications services), such as tariff rates, trading rights, standards, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, import licensing, customs valuation, state trading and trade-related investment measures; (2) non-tariff measures affecting U.S. imports such as licenses, quotas, registration requirements or other measures; (3) China's application of WTO "rules" and disciplines, such as transparency, judicial review, uniform application of its trade rules, compliance with subsidies and antidumping rules, (4) safeguards and (5) protection of intellectual property rights.

All comments will be considered in developing the U.S. position and objectives. Information on products or practices subject to these negotiations should include, whenever appropriate, the import or export tariff classification number used by China for the product concerned.

#### Written Comments From the Public: Requirements for Submission

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues identified in this notice. Comments must be filed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 15 CFR 2006.8(b) (55 FR 20593) and must be filed on or before noon on Friday, March 14, 1997. Comments must be in English and provided in twenty copies to: Gloria Blue, Room 501, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington DC 20508. If the comments contains business confidential information and a party is requesting an exemption from disclosure, each page containing such information should be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL," in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page, and 20 copies of a non-confidential summary of the confidential information and a cover letter requesting and justifying such treatment submitted. The version that does not contain business confidential information (the public version) should

be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page (public version or nonconfidential). This version and the nonconfidential summary shall be available for public inspection by appointment, in the USTR Reading Room, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 101, Washington, DC, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Frederick L. Montgomery,

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket 37554]

### Notice of Order Adjusting the Standard Foreign Fare Level Index

Section 41509(e) of Title 49 of the United States Code requires that the Department, as successor to the Civil Aeronautics Board, establish a Standard Foreign Fare Level (SFFL) by adjusting the SFFL base periodically by percentage changes in actual operating costs per available seat-mile (ASM). Order 80-2-69 established the first interim SFFL, and Order 96-12-14 established the currently effective two-month SFFL applicable through January 31, 1997.

In establishing the SFFL for the two-month period beginning February 1, 1997, we have projected non-fuel costs based on the year ended September 30, 1996 data, and have determined fuel prices on the basis of the latest available experienced monthly fuel cost levels as reported to the Department.

By Order 97-2-6 fares may be increased by the following adjustment factors over the October 1979 level:

Atlantic—1.5555

Latin America—1.5851

Pacific—1.5971

For Further Information Contract:  
Keith A. Shangraw (202) 366-2439.

By the Department of Transportation.

Dated: February 10, 1997.

Patrick V. Murphy,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.*

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## Federal Aviation Administration

### Notice of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Approvals and Disapprovals

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).