

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Exemption of Foreign Air Carriers From Customs Duties and Taxes; Request for Finding of Reciprocity (Indonesia)**

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Commerce is undertaking to determine, pursuant to sections 309 and 317 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1309 and 1317), whether the Government of Indonesia allows customs duties exemptions to aircraft of U.S. registry in connection with international commercial operations substantially reciprocal to those exemptions granted in the United States to aircraft of foreign registry.

At present, carriers of Indonesia are eligible to receive exemptions for aviation fuel and lubricants only (Treasury Decision 90-61). The Government of Indonesia has expressed its interest in expanding exemptions for its carriers to the full extent permitted by the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

The Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, provides exemptions for aircraft of foreign registry from payment of import duties on the import of certain supplies into the United States for such aircraft in connection with their international commercial operations. "Supplies" as used in this context cover a wide range of articles used by aircraft in international operations, including fuel and lubricants, spare parts, consumable supplies, and ground handling and support equipment. These exemptions are allowed upon a finding by the Secretary of Commerce, or his designee, and communicated to the Secretary of the Treasury, that such country allows, or will allow, "substantially reciprocal privileges" to aircraft of U.S. registry with respect to import of supplies into that country.

Interested parties are invited to submit their views and comments concerning this matter in writing to Mr. Everett James, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Service Industries and Finance, Room 1128, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. All submissions should be made in five copies and should be received no later than thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice.

Copies of all written comments received will be available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Freedom of Information Inspection Facility, International Trade Administration, Room 4001, U.S.

Department of Commerce, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Eugene Alford, Office of Service Industries, International Trade Administration, Room 1124, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5071.

Dated June 10, 1998.

**Everett James,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Secretary Daley's Commercial Development Mission to Africa**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Secretary Daley's Commercial Development Mission to Africa.

**SUMMARY:** This notice serves to inform the public of a Secretarial Commercial Development Mission to Africa, September 12-20, 1998, and of the opportunity to apply for participation in the mission; sets forth objectives, procedures, and participation criteria for the mission; and requests applications.

**DATES:** Applications should be submitted to Lucie Naphin by July 15, 1998, in order to ensure sufficient time to obtain in-country appointments for applicants selected to participate in the mission. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. The mission is scheduled to travel to South Africa, Kenya and Cote d'Ivoire, with other possible stops in the region.

**ADDRESSES:** Request for and submission of applications—Applications are available from Lucie Naphin, Director of the Office of Business Liaison, at (202) 482-1360 or via facsimile at (202) 482-4054. Numbers listed in this notice are not toll-free. An original and two copies of the required application materials should be sent to Ms. Naphin.

Applications sent by facsimile must be immediately followed by submission of the original application to Ms. Naphin at the following address: Office of Business Liaison, Room 5062, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lucie Naphin at (202) 482-1360.

Information is also available via the

International Trade Administration's (ITA) Internet home page at "http://www.ita.doc.gov".

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Trade Mission Description**

Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley will lead a Commercial Development Mission to Africa with program stops in several countries, including: South Africa, Kenya, and Cote d'Ivoire. The mission will build on the momentum of President Clinton's March 1998 visit to Africa in which Secretary Daley participated, strengthening commercial ties and expanding the dialogue between the public and private sectors of Africa and the United States.

The U.S. business delegation members on this mission will include U.S. companies whose interests are compatible with the developmental aspirations of the host countries, as well as those for whom advocacy will assist their efforts to win contract awards. The delegation will include business executives primarily representing companies in sectors which have been recommended by U.S. Embassies as having strong growth potential in the region, including: telecommunications, information technology, computers and software, agribusiness, power generation, health care, financial services, environmental technologies and general infrastructure.

The mission is scheduled to depart Washington, DC on Saturday, September 12, 1998 and return on Sunday, September 20. The precise schedule will depend on the availability of African government and private sector officials, the specific goals and interests of mission participants, and specific recommendations of the U.S. Embassies in the region.

The program for the mission will include: embassy briefings on the commercial/economic environment; meetings with potential buyers, agents/distributors and strategic alliance partners; meetings with African government ministers and business leaders; meetings with American business executives based in Africa; and legal seminars featuring African and U.S. government speakers as well as participation from the local private sector in each region.

The goals for the mission will include:

- Integrating Africa more fully into the global economy;
- Renewing African determination to build prosperity through free enterprise;
- Encouraging regional economic integration and cooperation;