SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #2995]

State of Washington

Kitsap County and the contiguous Counties of Island, Jefferson, King, Mason and Pierce in the State of Washington constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by a fire which occurred on November 13, 1997 in the Kona Village Apartments in the City of Bremerton. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on January 30, 1998 and for economic injury until the close of business on September 1, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853–4795.

The interest rates are:

For Physical Damage:

Homeowners with credit available elsewhere—7.625%

Homeowners without credit available elsewhere—3.812%

Businesses with credit available elsewhere—8.000%

Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere—4.000%

Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere—7.125%

For Economic Injury

Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere—4.000%

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 299505 and for economic injury the number is 967500.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: December 1, 1997.

Ginger Lew,

Acting Administrator.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/D–22]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding—U.S. Anti-Dumping Duties on Color Televisions From Korea

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 127(b)(1) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that the Government of Korea has requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO) to examine the continuing maintenance by the United States with respect to Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Samsung) of an antidumping order on color television receivers (CTVs) from the Republic of Korea (Korea). According to the Government of Korea, Samsung's dumping margins for CTVs exported from Korea to the United States from 1985–1991 were *de minimis,* and Samsung has not exported CTVs from Korea to the United States since 1991. The Department of Commerce has initiated a changed circumstances review to determine whether the antidumping order should be revoked in part, i.e., with respect to Samsung. The Department of Commerce has also initiated anti-circumvention inquiries to determine whether Samsung is circumventing the antidumping order by exporting CTVs assembled in Mexico and Thailand to the United States. The Government of Korea is challenging the Department of Commerce's failure to revoke with respect to Samsung the antidumping order on CTVs from Korea, as well as its initiation of the circumvention inquiries.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before January 12, 1998 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR in preparing its first written submission to the panel.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Litigation Assistant, Office of Monitoring and Enforcement, Room 501, Attn: Korea Color Televisions Dispute, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Winter, Office of the General Counsel, (202) 395–7305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By letter dated November 6, 1997, the government of Korea requested the establishment of a panel to examine the continued imposition of anti-dumping measures on color television receivers from Korea. The WTO Dispute Settlement Body is likely to establish the panel no later than December 1997. Under normal circumstances, the panel, which will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report detailing its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the Government of Korea and Legal Basis of Complaint

In its request for the establishment of a panel, the Government of Korea challenges the Department of Commerce's continuing imposition of antidumping duties on Samsung's CTV exports from Korea pursuant to the Department's April 30, 1984 antidumping order. The Government of Korea also challenges the Department's initiation and conduct of the anti-circumvention inquiries. The Government of Korea alleges that these actions are inconsistent with several provisions of the WTO agreements, including the following specific allegations:

—The failure of the United States to review, on its own initiative, dumping and injury respectively and to revoke the order constitutes a violation of Article 11.1 combined with Article 11.2, as well as Article 5.8 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (Antidumping Agreement).

—The United States' rejection of Samsung's request for revocation review on the ground of the U.S. concern about lack of current data as a result of ''no shipment'' violates Article 11.2 of the Antidumping Agreement, which does not provide such a standard.

—The failure of the United States to revoke the order, coupled with the U.S. position that the outcome of the revocation review is dependent on the outcome of the anti-circumvention investigation, is in violation of Article 11.1 combined with Article 11.2 and Article 11.4 of the Antidumping Agreement because it introduces considerations not mentioned in Articles 11.1 and 11.2, and because the review exceeds the Article 11.4 time limit and the requirement that review investigations must be carried out expeditiously.

—The United States' requirement (19 C.F.R. 353.25(b)) that applicants file revocation requests only in ''the third and subsequent anniversary months'' is in violation of Article 11.2, which stipulates no time limit whatsoever for such requests.

—The conduct of the United States of the anti-circumvention inquiries violates Article VI of GATT 1994 and several provisions of the Antidumping Agreement.

—The initiation of the anti-circumvention inquiries violates Article VI of GATT 1994 and Articles

1, 2.1 and 3.1 of the Antidumping Agreement, because it may lead to the imposition of antidumping duties on imports of CTVs from Mexico and Thailand without findings of dumping and resulting injury ever having been made.

—The refusal by the United States to conduct a standing inquiry before initiating its anti-circumvention investigation violates Article 3.1, 3.6, 4.1 and 5.6 of the Antidumping Agreement.

—Failure by the United States to make a determination in the anti-circumvention inquiries for more than 22 months violates Article 5.10 of the Antidumping Agreement.

—The conduct of the United States in the revocation review and the anti-circumvention inquiries, when examined and compared, violates Article X.3 of GATT 1994 and Article 17.6(i) of the Antidumping Agreement because the United States has not established the facts properly nor has it evaluated the facts in an unbiased and objective manner.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be in English and provided in fifteen copies. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commenter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked ''Business Confidential'' in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

(1) Must so designate that information or advice;

(2) Must clearly mark the material as ''Submitted in Confidence'' in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy; and

(3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington DC 20408. The public file will include a listing of any comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the proceeding; the U.S. submissions to the panel in the proceeding; the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, to the panel received from other participants in the dispute, as well as the report of the dispute settlement panel and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/D–22, ''U.S.—Anti-Dumping Duties on Color Televisions from Korea'') may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395–6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A. Jane Bradley,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Notice of Application for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending December 5, 1997

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST–97–3187.

Date Filed: December 2, 1997.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 30, 1997.

Description: Application of Transportes Aereos Ejecutivos, S.A. de C.V., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41302 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for amendment and re-issuance of its Foreign Air Carrier Permit issued to it by Order 95–3–11 to the extent necessary to permit TAESA to engage in scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail on the following Mexico-U.S. scheduled combination routes: The coterminal points Guadalajara, Zacatecas; Mexico City; Leon (El Bajio); and Morelia, Mexico, on the one hand, and Fresno, California on the other hand.

Docket Number: OST–97–3177.

Date Filed: December 1, 1997.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 29, 1997.

Description: Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41101, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for renewal of Segment 1 of its Experimental Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Route 378, which authorizes Northwest to engage in foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the terminal point Chicago, the intermediate points Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle or Honolulu, an intermediate point in Japan, and the coterminal points Shanghai, Guanzhou, and Beijing, China. Northwest requests renewal of Segment 1 of its Route 378 Certificate for a period of five years.

Docket Number: OST–97–3207.

Date Filed: December 5, 1997.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: January 2, 1998.

Description: Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C., Sections 41102 and 41108 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests a new or amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Delta to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between a point or points in the United States and a point or points in Panama. Delta further requests route integration authority to permit Delta to combine services that will be operated pursuant to the grant of this application with all other Delta services authorized by existing certificates and exemptions granted by the Department, to the extent permitted by applicable international agreements.

Paulette V. Twine,

Documentary Services.

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