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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket No. WTO/DS319]

**WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding
Regarding Section 776 of the Tariff Act
of 1930 and Antidumping Duty
Investigation on Stainless Steel Bar
From the United Kingdom**

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") is providing notice that the European Communities ("EC") has requested dispute settlement consultations under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization ("WTO Agreement") regarding the U.S. antidumping duty ("AD") investigation on stainless steel bar from the United Kingdom. That request may be found at <http://www.wto.org> contained in a document designated as WT/DS319/1. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before January 10, 2005, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0516@ustr.eop.gov, with "Attn: UK Steel Bar (DS319)" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640. For documents sent by fax, USTR requests that the submitter provide a confirmation copy to the electronic mail address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy A. Karpel, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA") (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States submits or receives a request for the establishment

of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, but in an effort to provide additional opportunity for comment, USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested pursuant to the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"). If such consultations should fail to resolve the matter and a dispute settlement panel is established pursuant to the DSU, such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the EC

On November 5, 2004, the EC requested consultations with the United States pursuant to Article 4 the DSU, Article XXII:1 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and Article 17 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (the "ADA") with respect to Section 776 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, determinations of dumping by the U.S. Department of Commerce ("DOC") with respect to Firth Rixson Special Steels Limited (FRSS), 67 FR 3146 (January 23, 2002), and the imposition of an antidumping duty order by the DOC with respect to FRSS with dumping margins of 125.77%, 67 FR 10381 (March 7, 2002). The EC asserts that the DOC refused to verify data submitted by FRSS and rejected such data for the determination of the margin of dumping for FRSS, decided to employ an "adverse inference" in the selection of facts available with respect to FRSS, and relied on information contained in the complaint for the establishment of the margin of dumping and antidumping duty for FRSS. According to the EC, the DOC determinations in this investigation and Section 776 of the Tariff Act of 1930 are inconsistent with Articles 1, 6, and 18.4 and Annex II of the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("AD Agreement"), Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994") and Article XVI:4 of the WTO Agreement.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in this dispute. Persons may submit their comments either (i) electronically to FR0516@ustr.eop.gov, with "Attn: UK Steel Bar (DS319)" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy

McKinzy at (202) 395-3640. For documents sent by fax, USTR requests that the submitter provide a confirmation copy to the electronic mail address listed above. USTR encourages the submission of documents in Adobe PDF format, as attachments to an electronic mail. Interested persons who make submissions by electronic mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

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 submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such and the submission must be marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page.

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 clearly so designate the information or advice;

(2) Must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page of the submission; 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, which is located at 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include non-confidential comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the dispute; if a dispute settlement panel is convened, the U.S. submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, to the panel received from other participants in the dispute, as well as the report of the panel; and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket No. WT/DS319, UK Steel Bar), may be made by

calling the USTR Reading Room at (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) during the Week Ending December 3, 2004

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *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-1999-5868.

Date Filed: November 30, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 21, 2004.

Description: Application of Continental Airlines, Inc. requesting renewal of its active Route 561 U.S.-Mexico certificate authority and to amend Route 561 to award Continental authority to engage in scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail between Houston and Manzanillo and Morelia and between New York/Newark and Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta and San Jose del Cabo.

Docket Number: OST-1999-6275.

Date Filed: November 30, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 21, 2004.

Description: Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc. requesting renewal and amendment of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 562, authorizing Delta to continue to engage in scheduled foreign air

transportation of persons, property, and mail on the U.S. Mexico routes.

Docket Number: OST-1999-6319.

Date Filed: November 30, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 21, 2004.

Description: Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc., requesting renewal of its experimental certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 564 (U.S.-Mexico), and amendment of its Route 564 certificate authority to include U.S.-Mexico city-pairs. Northwest currently is authorized to serve under exemption authority. Northwest also asks for renewed authority to integrate Route 564 certificate authority with its existing certificate and exemption authority.

Docket Number: OST-1999-6276.

Date Filed: December 1, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 22, 2004.

Description: Application of Alaska Airlines, Inc. requesting renewal of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 559 permitting Alaska to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail on the United States-Mexico routes. Alaska Airlines, Inc. also requests amendment of its certificate to include various routes held by Alaska currently through exemption authority.

Docket Number: OST-1999-6671.

Date Filed: December 1, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 22, 2004.

Description: Application of ATA Airlines, Inc., requesting renewal and amendment of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 653 permitting ATA to continue to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Indianapolis, IN and Cancun, Mexico. ATA also request that its certificate be amended and reissued in the name of ATA Airlines, Inc.

Renee Wright,

Supervisory Dockets Officer, Alternate Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Municipality of Anchorage & Matanuska-Susitna Borough, AK

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Alaska

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed bridge across Knik Arm between the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and the Matanuska-Susitna (MatSu) Borough in Alaska. Scoping meetings for the proposed Knik Arm Crossing project will be held in Anchorage and Wasilla, Alaska during the Winter/Spring of 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edrie Vinson, Environmental Project Manager, Federal Highway Administration, P.O. Box 21648, Juneau, Alaska 99802, (907) 586-7464, or Henry Springer, Project Manager, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, 550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1850, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 269-6698.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) and the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA), will prepare an EIS for a proposed cost affordable, vehicular toll bridge across the Knik Arm between the MOA and Mat-Su connecting the Port of Anchorage area and existing access roads in the MOA with the Port MacKenzie area and existing access road in the Mat-Su. The proposed bridge is considered necessary to improve transportation network connectivity efficiently linking the two ports' operations and infrastructure, support military logistics and deployment, provide an alternate north-south emergency response and disaster evacuation route, establish transportation infrastructure for existing and projected population and economic growth, and to implement the Alaska legislative mandate to construct the Knik Arm bridge.

A reasonable range of alternatives has yet to be developed for the proposed project but will include various crossing types and design variations. All proposed bridge-crossing alternatives will meet the reasonable needs of navigation for Knik Arm. The No-Build alternative will remain a viable alternative throughout the EIS process.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in the proposal. Formal agency scoping