

petitioner filed additional explanatory materials on September 21, 2000, September 27, 2000, October 5, 2000, and October 10, 2000.

The petition alleges that the CWB is a state-trading enterprise with sole control over the purchase and export of western Canadian wheat for human consumption. Certain elements of the wheat trading system established by the Government of Canada allegedly provide the CWB with pricing flexibility not available to private wheat traders. According to the petition, those elements include: (i) CWB monopoly authority under Canadian federal law to purchase western Canadian wheat and to control the international marketing of western Canadian wheat; (ii) a purchasing system under which Canadian farmers are required to accept initial CWB payments based on only a portion of the price that the CWB anticipates it can obtain for the grain, with any subsequent payments to be received later in the marketing year; (iii) the provision by the Government of Canada of a full financial guarantee of the CWB's initial payments to Canadian farmers; (iv) special, preferential rail transportation arrangements which are made available to the CWB; and (v) a varietal control system which limits any foreign competition in the domestic Canadian wheat market. The petition claims that although the CWB operates in secrecy and information on the CWB's trading practices is difficult to obtain, available information indicates that the CWB exploits its pricing flexibility by engaging in certain allegedly unreasonable wheat trading practices. According to the petition, such practices include standing offers by the CWB to undersell U.S. wheat in certain third-country markets, and the targeting by the CWB of particular markets by consistently offering to sell wheat at less than the market value. The petition asserts that such practices have harmed U.S. wheat farmers by causing lost U.S. market share in the United States and particular third-country markets, by reducing the sales prices obtained by U.S. wheat farmers, and by causing a rise in unsold wheat stocks in the United States.

The petitioner does not allege that acts, policies, and practices of the Government of Canada or the Canadian Wheat Board are in violation of, or inconsistent with, the international legal rights of the United States.

Section 301

Section 302(a) of the Trade Act authorizes the USTR to initiate an investigation under chapter 1 of Title III of the Trade Act (commonly referred to

as "section 301") in response to the filing of a petition pursuant to section 302(a)(1). Matters actionable under section 301 include, inter alia, acts, policies, and practices of a foreign country that are unjustifiable, unreasonable, or discriminatory and burden or restrict U.S. commerce. An act, policy or practice is unjustifiable if it is in violation of, or inconsistent with the international legal rights of the United States. An act, policy or practice is unreasonable if the act, policy or practice, while not necessarily in violation of, or inconsistent with, the international legal rights of the United States, is otherwise unfair or inequitable.

Initiation of Investigation and Consultations

On October 23, 2000, the USTR determined to initiate an investigation to determine whether certain acts, policies or practices of the Government of Canada and the Canadian Wheat Board with respect to wheat trading are unreasonable and burden or restrict U.S. commerce and are, therefore, actionable under section 301.

Pursuant to section 303(a) of the Trade Act, on October 23, 2000 USTR requested consultations with the Government of Canada concerning the issues under investigation. USTR will seek information and advice from the petitioner and appropriate representatives provided for under section 135 of the Trade Act in preparing the U.S. presentations for such consultations.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the petition and any other submissions to USTR in this investigation. In particular, comments are invited regarding (i) the acts, policies and practices of the Government of Canada and the Canadian Wheat Board that are the subject of this investigation; (ii) the amount of burden or restriction on U.S. commerce caused by these acts, policies and practices; (iii) the methods to be used to conduct the investigation; (iv) the determinations required under section 304 of the Trade Act; and (v) appropriate action under section 301 which could be taken in response.

Comments must be filed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 15 CFR 2006.8(b) and must be filed on or before noon on Wednesday, December 20, 2000. Comments must be in English and provided in twenty copies to: Sybia Harrison, Staff Assistant

to the Section 301 Committee, Room 223, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

Comments will be placed in a file (Docket 301-120) open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2006.13, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page on each of 20 copies, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. The nonconfidential summary shall be placed in the file that is open to public inspection. Copies of the public version of the petition and other relevant documents are available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room. An appointment to review the docket (Docket No. 301-120) 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 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in Room 101.

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Chairman, Section 301 Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Hearing for the Chicago Terminal Airspace Project

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and conduct of a public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Great Lakes Region, is issuing this notice to advise the public that it has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Chicago Terminal Airspace Project (CTAP) and that copies of the DEIS are available for public review.

A Public Hearing and informational workshop will be held Monday, December 18, 2000, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Illinois, Minnesota and Michigan conference rooms at the Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018. The entrance is

on the northeast side of the building. All persons planning to attend should bring picture identification to allow issuance of a building security pass.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the environmental effects of the proposed CTAP project and afford the public the opportunity to present oral and/or written comments. A transcript of the hearing will be made. Written comments will be accepted through close of business on January 12, 2001. The first half-hour of each hour of the Public Hearing will be allocated to pre-reserved testimony. Individuals may call Ms. Annette Davis at telephone (847) 294-8091 to receive a reserved time slot to testify at the Public Hearing. All individuals, organizations, agencies, and representatives will have 5 minutes to testify. Individuals, organizations, agencies, and representatives wishing to submit written comments may send them to: Ms. Annette Davis, AGL-520.E, Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL, 60018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Annette Davis Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Air Traffic Division, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60018, (847)-294-8091.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed CTAP changes could affect flights to and from airports within the Chicago region, including Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago Midway Airport, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, and general aviation reliever airports. Components of the proposal include:

- Establish a new high altitude O'Hare arrival route from the southwest, separated laterally and vertically from the existing route
- Modification of the existing high altitude routes at the southeast and northwest arrival cornerposts, separated laterally and vertically from the existing route
- Establishment of a new high altitude route to the northeast, separated vertically from the existing route
- Implementation of more efficient use of existing routes for O'Hare and Midway departures to the north, south, east, and west
- Establishment of a new high altitude route to Midway for aircraft from the northwest and northeast
- Establishment of a new high altitude arrival route for aircraft destined to Milwaukee from the south
- Transfer of portions of airspace from Chicago Center to Chicago Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) and from Chicago TRACON to Rockford TRACON

The project is not associated with any airport development projects or construction of any physical facilities. The changes proposed by CTAP are designed to improve traffic flows and reduce airborne and ground delays. They would enhance safety and efficiency by maximizing controller flexibility and simplifying operations for pilots. CTAP has the potential to enhance air quality by reducing en route mileage. As disclosed in the DEIS, CTAP would not result in significant adverse impacts to any resource category.

Copies of the CTAP DEIS are available at the following locations:

State of Illinois

Bensenville Public Library, 200 S. Church Rd., Bensenville, IL 60106
 Des Plaines Public Library, 841 Graceland Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60016
 Eisenhower Public Library, 4652 N. Olcott Ave., Harwood Heights, IL 60656
 Elk Grove Village Public Library, 1001 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
 Elmhurst Public Library, 211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126
 Franklin Park Public Library, 10311 Grand Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131
 Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6348 South Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60638
 Harold Washington Library, 400 South State St., 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605
 Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056
 Northlake Public Library, 231 N. Wolf Rd., Northlake, IL 60164
 Oriole Park Branch Library, 5201 N. Oketo Ave., Chicago, IL 60656
 Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068
 Schiller Park Public Library, 4200 Old River Rd., Schiller Park, IL 60176

State of Indiana

Lake County Public Library, 1919 W. 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410-5382

State of Wisconsin

Milwaukee Central Public Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233
 Oak Creek Public Library, 8620 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek, WI 53154

Information is also available on the Internet at the web site address <http://www.faa.gov/ctap.html>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2000-64]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption Part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR, dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before December 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2000-XXXX at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the petition, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the