

under Section 1377 of Germany's compliance with its WTO telecommunications commitments. The review, initiated on March 30, 1999, found that recent German regulatory decisions did not endorse restrictive and potentially WTO-inconsistent proposals made by Deutsche Telekom, the dominant German telecommunications carrier and former German monopoly operator. However, the review also concluded that those decisions might not be sufficient to prevent anti-competitive behavior by Deutsche Telekom as new interconnection arrangements applicable from March 1, 2000 are yet to be finalized. U.S. carriers have asserted to the U.S. Government that Deutsche Telekom's anti-competitive behavior continues to impede their efforts to provide service in Germany. Under the WTO Basic Telecom Agreement, Germany committed to maintain appropriate measures to prevent anti-competitive behavior. The German regulatory authority announced on December 23, 1999, new arrangements for interconnection prices and peak and off-peaks timing that will apply for the next thirteen months (for additional information concerning this decision, see www.regtp.de). The USTR seeks comments on whether the latest regulatory decision and other recent steps by the German regulatory authority are sufficient to meet Germany's WTO telecommunications commitments.

Mexico—1999 out-of-cycle review: On July 29, 1999, USTR announced the extension of an out-of-cycle review under Section 1377 of Mexico's compliance with its WTO telecommunications commitments. The review, initiated on March 30, 1999, found that Mexico is undertaking a consultative policy review and meeting regularly with U.S.-affiliated and all other Mexican carriers on international service and domestic regulatory issues under study. Interconnection and dominant carrier regulations in Mexico have yet to produce lower net domestic interconnection costs for new entrants; the Mexican regulatory authority has not created confidence that Telmex (the former state-owned monopolist) is not engaging in anti-competitive cross-subsidization of different telecom services; and, the Mexican regulatory authority has yet to identify a universal service program under which Telmex would be required to fund universal service on the same basis as its competitors. The results of the 1999 policy review are not apparent. The USTR seeks comments on whether

Mexico is likely to address outstanding international service and domestic regulatory issues in a manner consistent with Mexico's WTO telecommunications commitments.

NAFTA and Bilateral Trade Agreements

The USTR seeks comments on the operation and effectiveness of certain bilateral trade agreements regarding telecommunications products and services, including the NAFTA. The NAFTA includes market access and national treatment commitments for value-added telecommunications services; and, it includes a national treatment commitment for conformity assessment in relation to telecommunications equipment standards.

Bilateral agreements include, on a country-by-country basis:

Canada: NAFTA Chapter 13 and other telecommunications-related provisions.

Japan: The 1999 Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) agreement; the 1994 U.S.-Japan Public Sector Procurement Agreement on Telecommunications Products and Services; and, additional telecommunications trade agreements with Japan, including a series of agreements on: international value-added network services (IVANS) (1990–91); open government procurement of all satellites, except for government research and development satellites (1990); network channel terminating equipment (NCTE) (1990); and cellular and third-party radio systems (1989) and cellular radio systems (1994).

Korea: Agreements in the areas of protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), type approval of telecommunications equipment, transparent standard-setting processes and non-discriminatory access to Korea Telecommunications' procurement of telecommunications products.

Mexico: NAFTA Chapter 13 and other telecommunications-related provisions; and, the 1997 understanding regarding test data acceptance agreements between product safety testing laboratories.

Mutual Recognition Agreements For Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment: Agreement on mutual recognition for conformity assessment of telecommunications equipment with the EU; and, an agreement among certain members of APEC.

Taiwan: The October 1999 and February 1998 agreements on WTO accession commitments in telecommunications services; the February 1998 agreement on interconnection pricing for provision of

wireless services in Taiwan; and, the July 1996 agreement on the licensing and provision of wireless services through the establishment of a competitive, transparent and fair wireless market in Taiwan.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

USTR requests comments on: the operation and effectiveness of—including implementation of and compliance with—the WTO Basic Telecommunications Agreement; other WTO agreements affecting market opportunities for telecommunications products and services of the United States; the NAFTA; and other telecommunications trade agreements with APEC members, the EU, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Taiwan. All comments must be in English, identify on the first page of the comments the telecommunications trade agreement(s) discussed therein, be addressed to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, ATTN: Section 1377 Comments, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and be submitted in 15 copies by noon on Tuesday, February 1, 2000.

All comments will be placed in the USTR Reading Room for inspection shortly after the filing deadline, except business confidential information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Confidential information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6, must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page on each of 15 copies, and must be accompanied by 15 copies of a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. The nonconfidential summary will be placed in the USTR Public Reading Room.

An appointment to review the comments may be made by calling Brenda Webb at (202) 395–6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in Room 101.

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Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 7, 1999, [64 FR, pages 54720–54721].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 7, 2000. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Street on (202) 267–9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**

Title: Suspected Unapproved Parts Notification

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection

OMB Control Number: 2120–0552

Form(s): FAA Form 8120–11

Affected Public: 400 reporters of suspected unapproved parts

Abstract: The information collected on the FAA Form 8120–11 will be reported voluntarily by manufacturers, repair stations, aircraft owner/operators, air carriers, and the general public who wish to report suspected “unapproved” parts to the FAA for review. The information will be used to determine if an “unapproved” part investigation is warranted.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 60 burden hours annually.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FAA Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 3, 2000.

Steve Hopkins,

Manager, Standards and Information Division, APF–100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**

Title: Agricultural Aircraft Operator Certificate Application.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0049.

Form(s): FAA Form 8710–3.

Affected Public: 3,980 applicants for a commercial or private agricultural aircraft operator certificate.

Abstract: Standards have been established for operation of agricultural aircraft and for the dispensing of chemicals, pesticides, and toxic substances. Information collected shows applicant compliance and eligibility for certification by FAA.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 14,037 burden hours annually.

ADDRESS: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FAA Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**

Title: Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program for Personnel Engaged in Specified Aviation Activities.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0571.

Form(s): FAA Form 9000–3.