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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-34; OMB Control No. 3235-0034]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

### Rule 17f-2(a) Fingerprinting Requirements for Securities Professionals

Rule 17f-2(a) requires that securities professionals be fingerprinted. This requirement serves to identify security risk personnel, to allow an employer to make fully informed employment decisions, and to deter possible wrongdoers from seeking employment in the securities industry. Partners, directors, officers, and employees of exchanges, broker, dealers, transfer agents, and clearing agencies are included.

It is estimated that approximately 10,000 respondents will submit fingerprint cards. It is also estimated that each respondent will submit 55 fingerprint cards. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the Rule 17f-2(a) is one-half hour. The total burden is 275,000 hours for respondents, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$50. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for respondents is \$13,750,000.

Fingerprint cards submitted under Rule 17f-2(a) must be retained for a period of not less than three years after termination of the person's employment relationship with the organization. Submitting fingerprint cards for all securities personnel is mandatory to

obtain the benefit of identifying security risk personnel, allowing an employer to make fully informed employment decisions and deterring possible wrongdoers from seeking employment in the securities industry. Fingerprint cards submitted according to Rule 17f-2(a) will not be kept confidential.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons:

- (1) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and
- (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Comments must be submitted to OMB on or before September 7, 2000.

August 2, 2000.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/D-203]

### WTO Consultations Regarding Mexico—Measures Affecting Trade in Live Swine

**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 on July 10, 2000, the United States requested consultations with Mexico under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO), regarding its 20 October 1999 definitive anti-dumping measure involving live swine from the United States as well as sanitary and other restrictions imposed by Mexico on imports of live swine weighing more than 110 kilograms. The United States considers that Mexico made a determination of threat of material injury that appears to be in contravention of Articles 3 and 12 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement and that actions by Mexico in the conduct of the

anti-dumping investigation appear to be inconsistent with Mexico's obligations under Article 6 of the Agreement. In addition, Mexico maintains sanitary restrictions on the importation of live swine weighing 110 kilograms or more that appear to be inconsistent with Mexico's obligations under the WTO Agreements on Agriculture, the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Technical Barriers to Trade as well as the GATT. Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding ("DSU"), such consultations are to take place within a period of 30 days from the date of the request, or within a period otherwise mutually agreed between the United States and Mexico. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

**DATES:** Although the USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before September 4, 2000 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Sandy McKinzy, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Room 122, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20508, Attn: Live Swine Dispute. Telephone: (202) 395-3582.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James M. Lyons, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 395-3582.

**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 an earlier opportunity for comment, USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested pursuant to the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding. 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 United States

The United States considers that Mexico made a determination of threat of material injury in contravention of Articles 3 and 12 of the Anti-dumping Agreement, including: by failing to evaluate all relevant economic factors and indices having a bearing on the state of the industry; by failing to perform an objective examination of the consequent impact of imports found to be dumped on domestic producers of the like product; by failing to determine that there was a clearly foreseen and imminent change in circumstances that would create a situation in which dumping of imports of live swine of a weight more than or equal to 50 kilograms and less than 110 kilograms would cause injury; and by failing to determine that material injury would occur unless protective action were taken.

The United States also considers that Mexico has failed to comply with the requirements of Article 6 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement, including: by failing to provide respondent U.S. exporters with timely opportunities to see and prepare presentations on the basis of all information used by the investigating authority that is relevant to the anti-dumping investigation; and by failing to inform respondent U.S. exporters, before the final determination was made, of the essential facts under consideration which form the basis of Mexico's decision to apply definitive measures.

In addition, Mexico appears to be restricting or prohibiting the entry of U.S. live swine through measures, other than anti-dumping duties, in a manner inconsistent with its obligations under other WTO Multilateral Agreements on Trade in Goods. First, Mexico appears to have prohibited the importation of swine weighing 110 kilograms or more. Second, notwithstanding the apparent ban on importation of such swine, Mexico also appears to be maintaining sanitary restrictions on imported swine that constitute arbitrary and unjustified discrimination because no similar measures are applied to swine in Mexico. Furthermore, there does not appear to be a scientific basis for these measures. Finally, the United States understands that Mexico may have adopted technical regulations, not constituting sanitary measures, that are applicable to imported, but not domestic, swine.

### 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 the 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, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include a listing of any comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the dispute; if a dispute settlement panel is convened, the U.S. submissions to that panel, 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 panel; and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/D-203, Mexico—Measures Affecting Trade in Live Swine) 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 United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Office of the Secretary

[Dockets OST-00-7231 and OST-00-7232]

#### Applications of Air-Serv., Inc. d/b/a Airserv d/b/a Indigo, L.L.C. d/b/a Newworldair Holdings, Inc., for Issuance of New Certificate Authority

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of order to show cause (Order 2000-8-1)

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation is directing all interested persons to show cause why it should not issue orders finding Air-Serv., Inc. d/b/a AirServ, d/b/a Indigo, L.L.C., and d/b/a NewWorldAir Holdings, Inc., fit, willing, and able and awarding it certificates of public convenience and necessity to engage in interstate and foreign charter air transportation of persons, property and mail as a certificated air carrier.

**RESPONSES:** Objections and answers to objections should be filed in Dockets OST-00-7231 and OST-00-7232 and addressed to the Department of Transportation Dockets, 400 Seventh Street, SW., PL-401, Washington, DC 20590, and should be served on all persons listed in Attachment A to the order. Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than August 8, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Lawyer, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-1064.

Dated: August 1, 2000.

#### A. Bradley Mims,

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Discretionary Cooperative Agreements To Support Seat Belt Enforcement With State Associations of Chiefs of Police

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Announcement of Cooperative Agreements in conjunction with the *Buckle Up America Campaign* to increase seat belt enforcement with the State Associations of Chiefs of Police.