

Income Security Programs (TAA) provides the Deputy Commissioner with staff assistance on the full range of his/her responsibilities.

D. The Office of Disability (TAE) plans, develops, evaluates, and issues operational and administrative appeals process regulations, rulings, policies, standards, and instructions for use by State, Federal, and private contractor providers which implement the disability provisions of the Social Security Act. Provides operational policy advice, technical support, management information, and management direction to central office and field components in the administration of the disability programs. Evaluates the effects of proposed legislation and legislation pending before the Congress to determine the operational impact on the disability programs. Provides national budgeting and oversight of disability claims processing as carried out by the State DDSs. Processes State agency workloads on a temporary or transitional basis.

E. The Office of Hearings and Appeals (TAH) administrators the nationwide hearings and appeals program for SSA. Holds hearings and issues decisions as part of the SSA appeals process. Directs a nationwide field organization that conducts impartial hearings and makes decisions on appealed determinations involving Retirement, Survivors, Disability, Health Insurance, Black Lung and Supplemental Security Income benefits.

F. The Office of International Programs (TAJ) serves as SSA's focal point for international program policy matters and for its participation in the international Social Security community. Serves as liaison to international agencies and associations that deal with Social Security matters. Negotiates international Social Security (totalization) agreements with foreign governments and develops policies and procedures to implement the agreements. Develops and implements policies and procedures relating to the operation of the Social Security program outside the United States. Provides training programs and technical consultation on Social Security and related fields to Social Security officials and other experts outside the United States.

G. The Office of Program Benefits (TAP) provides SSA-wide leadership and direction to the development, coordination and promulgation of procedures, operational policies, standards and instructions for the Retirement, Survivors and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

programs administered by the Agency. Develops and issues guidelines for use by State and Federal organizations which implement the SSI provisions. Develops agreements with State supplementation programs, Medicaid eligibility, data exchange programs, food stamps and fiscal reporting processes. Coordinates programmatic response to court actions and requirements in civil actions involving all Social Security administered programs. Directs the coordination and publication of acquiescence rulings and instructions related to acquiescence rulings.

H. The Office of Program Support (TAS) provides leadership in overseeing the Agency's system of programmatic instructions, notices to the public and technical documents. Develops and maintains standards governing the translating of policy decisions into operational policies, procedures and notices. Responsible for the Agency's Regulatory Program, including development of SSA's Regulatory Plan and the Agency's portion of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulations. Oversees the Agency's implementation of policies that utilize technologies in providing service to the public and provides program management of such technological applications. Develops and interprets SSA program policy governing requests for disclosure of information from Agency records under the provisions of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Designs, implements and maintains automated information and communications systems ODISP-wide.

Retitle:

Subchapter TAJ, "The Office of International Policy" to "The Office of International Programs". Change all references to "The Office of International Policy" to "The Office of International Programs" throughout Chapter TA and all its sub chapters.

Retitle:

Subchapter TAP, "The Office of Program Benefits Policy" to "The Office of Program Benefits". Change all references to "The Office of Program Benefits Policy" to "The Office of Program Benefits" and all references to "OPBP" to "OPB" throughout Chapter TA and all its subchapters.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

Kenneth S. Apfel,

Commissioner of Social Security

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending July 24, 1998

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

Docket Number: OST-98-4168.

Date Filed: July 23, 1998.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC12 USA-EUR 0054 dated June 29, 1998 r1-25, Mail Vote 947 (USA-Austria/Belgium/Germany), Intended effective date: November 1, 1998.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending July 24, 1998

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-98-4127.

Date Filed: July 20, 1998.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: August 17, 1998.

Description: Application of Sabena S.A., Sabena Belgian World Airlines pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41302 and Subpart Q, applies for a foreign air carrier permit to authorize it to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail from points behind Belgium via Belgium and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond.

Docket Number: OST-98-4148.

Date Filed: July 22, 1998.