



PUBLIC NOTICE

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U.S.-ANGOLA ROUTE EXEMPTED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS POLICY

IB Docket Nos. 02-324, 96-261

By the Chief, Policy Division, International Bureau:

The U.S.-Angola route is hereby exempted from the International Settlements Policy (ISP) pursuant to the ISP Reform First Report and Order and sections 0.51 and 0.261 of the Commission's rules.¹

On March 30, 2004, the Commission released the *ISP Reform Order* that revised its policy and rules to remove the International Settlements Policy from benchmark-compliant routes. In the Order, the Commission identified ninety-six routes that clearly qualified for exemption from the ISP pursuant to the new rules.² The Commission also identified seventy-seven routes, including Angola, that were believed to be benchmark-compliant,³ but provided interested parties with the opportunity to comment on those routes.⁴

On August 31, 2004, after reviewing the comments and the settlement agreements on file at the Commission, the International Bureau issued a Public Notice lifting the ISP on twenty-six additional routes for which there were current benchmark rates on file pursuant to section 64.1001 the Commission's rules, and for which no party raised concerns.⁵

¹ See *International Settlements Policy Reform: International Settlement Rates*, IB Docket Nos. 02-324 and 96-21, First Report and Order, FCC 04-53, (rel. March 30, 2004) (*ISP Reform Order*); 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.51, 0.261.

² See *ISP Reform Order* at Appendix D.

³ See *ISP Reform Order* at Appendix E.

⁴ The *ISP Reform Order* became effective on May 28, 2004. On that date, the International Bureau issued a public notice setting the notice and comment dates for the list of routes believed to be benchmark-compliant. Several parties filed comments and replies.

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 64.1001.

On November 4, 2004, the International Bureau issued a public notice that exempted forty routes from the ISP after receiving certification that at least one U.S. carrier had negotiated benchmark-compliant rates.⁶ On December 8, 2004, AT&T certified that it had negotiated current benchmark-compliant rates on the U.S.-Angola route.⁷ Accordingly, we lift the ISP from the U.S.-Angola route. A complete list of routes that now are exempt from the ISP is set forth in Attachment A.

Copies of this Notice, status reports, Order, and pleadings are available electronically on the Commission's web site at www.fcc.gov.

Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules may be filed within thirty days of this public notice (see section 1.4(b)(2)).⁸

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⁶ See Additional U.S-International Routes Exempted from the International Settlements Policy, Public Notice, DA 04-3518 (rel. November 4, 2004).

⁷ See Letter from James J.R. Talbot, Senior Attorney, AT&T, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, IB Docket Nos. 02-324, 96-261 (filed December 8, 2004).

⁸ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, 1.4(b)(2).

Attachment A

Complete List Of Routes Currently Exempt From the ISP			
No.	Country	No.	Country
1	Albania	82	Jordan
2	Algeria	83	Kazakhstan
3	Angola	84	Korea, South
4	Anguilla	85	Kuwait
5	Armenia	86	Latvia
6	Antigua and Barbuda	87	Lebanon
7	Argentina	88	Liberia
8	Aruba	89	Libya
9	Australia	90	Liechtenstein
10	Austria	91	Lithuania
11	Azerbaijan	92	Luxembourg
12	Bahamas	93	Macau
13	Bahrain	94	Macedonia FDR (included in Serbia)
14	Bangladesh	95	Malawi
15	Barbados	96	Malaysia
16	Belarus	97	Mali
17	Belgium	98	Malta
18	Belize	99	Mauritius
19	Benin	100	Mayotte
20	Bermuda	101	Mexico
21	Bolivia	102	Moldova
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina	103	Monaco (included in France)
23	Botswana	104	Mongolia
24	Brazil	105	Montserrat
25	Brunei	106	Morocco
26	Bulgaria	107	Mozambique
27	Burkina	108	Namibia
28	Cameroon	109	Nepal
29	Canada	110	Netherlands
30	Cape Verde	111	Netherlands Antilles
31	Cayman Islands	112	New Caledonia
32	Chile	113	New Zealand
33	China	114	Nicaragua
34	Colombia	115	Nigeria
35	Congo	116	Norway
36	Costa Rica	117	Oman
37	Cote d'Ivoire	118	Pakistan
38	Croatia	119	Panama
39	Cyprus	120	Paraguay
40	Czech Republic	121	Peru
41	Denmark	122	Poland
42	Dominica	123	Portugal
43	Dominican Republic	124	Qatar
44	Ecuador	125	Reunion
45	Egypt	126	Romania
46	El Salvador	127	Russia
47	Equatorial Guinea	128	Saint Kitts and Nevis

Complete List Of Routes Currently Exempt From the ISP

No.	Country	No.	Country
48	Eritrea (included in Ethiopia)	129	Saint Lucia
49	Estonia	130	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
50	Ethiopia	131	Saudi Arabia
51	Faroe Islands (included in Denmark)	132	Senegal
52	Fiji	133	Serbia
53	Finland	134	Singapore
54	France	135	Slovakia
55	French Guiana	136	Slovenia
56	French Overseas Dept. (Martinique)	137	South Africa
57	French Polynesia	138	Spain
58	Gabon	139	Sri Lanka
59	Gambia, The	140	Sudan
60	Georgia	141	Suriname
61	Germany	142	Swaziland
62	Ghana	143	Sweden
63	Greece	144	Switzerland
64	Grenada	145	Taiwan
65	Guadeloupe	146	Tanzania
66	Guatemala	147	Thailand
67	Guinea	148	Tonga
68	Guyana	149	Trinidad and Tobago
69	Haiti	150	Tunisia
70	Honduras	151	Turkey
71	Hong Kong	152	Turks and Caicos Islands
72	Hungary	153	Uganda
73	Iceland	154	Ukraine
74	India	155	United Arab Emirates
75	Indonesia	156	United Kingdom
76	Iran	157	Uruguay
77	Ireland	158	Uzbekistan
78	Israel	159	Venezuela
79	Italy	160	Virgin Islands, British
80	Jamaica	161	Yemen
81	Japan	162	Zambia
		163	Zimbabwe