

Meeting with AirlinesforAmerica, 24 October 2013

[article 4.1 b] met yesterday with Airlines for America ([article 4.1 b] ) in order to discuss TTIP issues of interest to them beyond air transport liberalisation.

[Not releasable]

[article 4.1 b] also had to be reassured that the EU interest to cover air transport in TTIP should not be seen as a sign that we would seek to reopen discussions in WTO on bringing in air transport and revising GATS annex

The fear of unfair competition from Asian and Gulf carriers is also driving their interest in a chapter covering both SOEs and SSE in TTIP. They haven't yet thought through the kind of disciplines that they want but are interested to also cover state sponsored enterprises and would like to address issues related to governance, financing/bookkeeping, subsidisation in a large sense looking at airline/umbrella under which they operate/aviation related agencies, etc.

Their main issue however was the extent to which disciplines would be actionable beyond state-to-state dispute settlement (wondering whether any form of remedies/sanctions could be included).

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Because of their members UPS and Fedex, they are also generally supportive of provisions on customs and trade facilitation and express delivery services (see letter to USTR attached covering all three main areas of interest).