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**SUMMARY OF ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS
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U.S. v. USAir Group, Inc.
Civil No.: 93 0530 (D.D.C.)

A civil complaint was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., challenging the proposed transaction between USAir Group Inc. of Arlington, Virginia, and British Airways Plc of London, England. At the same time, a proposed consent decree was filed which, if approved by the court, will resolve the suit by requiring USAir to divest its authority to provide scheduled airline passenger service to London from Philadelphia, Baltimore/Washington and Charlotte, North Carolina. The consent decree requires USAir to transfer its authority from each of its gateways to an approved purchaser within 45 days of its initiation of code-sharing services with British Airways from that gateway. If USAir is unable to complete a sale, it is required to surrender the authority to the U.S. Department of Transportation for authorization of another airline. On January 21, 1993, British Airways purchased roughly 20 percent of USAir's stock for \$300 million, and the two airlines agreed to initiate joint operations on U.S.-London services. Under the joint program, the two airlines will provide connections from London to numerous U.S. cities through USAir's hubs at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore/Washington and Charlotte using shared airline designator codes. Airline designator codes are used

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