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TITLE 49--TRANSPORTATION
SUBTITLE VII--AVIATION PROGRAMS
PART A--AIR COMMERCE AND SAFETY
subpart ii--economic regulation
CHAPTER 417--OPERATIONS OF CARRIERS
SUBCHAPTER I--REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 41712. Unfair and deceptive practices and unfair methods of competition

(a) In General.--On the initiative of the Secretary of Transportation or the complaint of an air carrier, foreign air carrier, or ticket agent, and if the Secretary considers it is in the public interest, the Secretary may investigate and decide whether an air carrier, foreign air carrier, or ticket agent has been or is engaged in an unfair or deceptive practice or an unfair method of competition in air transportation or the sale of air transportation. If the Secretary, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, finds that an air carrier, foreign air carrier, or ticket agent is engaged in an unfair or deceptive practice or unfair method of competition, the Secretary shall order the air carrier, foreign air carrier, or ticket agent to stop the practice or method.

(b) E-Ticket Expiration Notice.--It shall be an unfair or deceptive practice under subsection (a) for any air carrier, foreign air carrier, or ticket agent utilizing electronically transmitted tickets for air transportation to fail to notify the purchaser of such a ticket of its expiration date, if any.

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Historical and Revision Notes

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Stat. 1704.

The words ``such action by'' are omitted as surplus. The words ``opportunity for a'' are added for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

Amendments

2000--Pub. L. 106-181 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

Effective Date of 2000 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-181 applicable only to fiscal years beginning after Sept. 30, 1999, see section 3 of Pub. L. 106-181, set out as a note under section 106 of this title.

Section Referred to in Other Sections

This section is referred to in sections 41110, 46301 of this title.