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**U.S. Department of
Transportation**
Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

February 23, 1998

This serves as interim notice to the public of the action described below, taken orally by the Department official indicated; the confirming order or other decision document will be issued as soon as possible.

Application of Polar Air Cargo, Inc. filed 2/18/98 in Docket OST-97-2265 for:

XX Exemption from Order 97-1-17; startup deadline:

By Order 97-1-17 the Department granted Polar Air Cargo exemption authority to provide scheduled all-cargo service in the U.S.-Philippine market. That authority was subject to the condition that Polar Air inaugurate service within 90 days from the issue date of the order (January 24, 1997) or the authority would expire. Since then, on various dates the Department has extended the date on which Polar must commence service, pending receipt of the necessary operating licenses from the Philippines. (See Orders 97-6-16, 97-9-20, 97-11-19, and 98-1-23.) The last action extended the startup deadline through March 6, 1998. Polar seeks further extension of the March 6 startup date to May 5, 1998. Polar believes that grant of the necessary approvals by the Philippine authorities should be secured by May 5, 1998.

Applicant rep.: Jeffrey A. Manley (202) 637-9057 DOT analyst: Sylvia Moore, 202-366-6519

DISPOSITION

XX *Granted*

The above action was effective when taken: February 23, 1998, through May 5, 1998

XX Under assigned authority (14 CFR 385) by:

*Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation
(Petitions for review may be filed from now until
10 days after the confirming order/letter issues.
Filing of a petition shall not stay the effectiveness of
this action.)*

Remarks: We acted on this application without awaiting expiration of the 15-day answer period with the consent of all parties served.