



U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

DOCKET OST-95-804

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.

Applicant: **Icelandair (Flugleidir Hf.)** Date Filed: November 26, 1996, as amended January 8, 1998

Relief requested: (1) **RENEW** exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 to serve Luxembourg as a coterminal point with Iceland on scheduled operations between Luxembourg and Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Boston, Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale, and either Cleveland or Detroit subject to the condition that a minimum of 50 percent of these services must operate via Iceland.

(2) **INITIAL** exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail from points behind Iceland, via Iceland and intermediate points, to points in the United States and beyond, pursuant to the U.S.-Iceland "open skies" agreement.

(3) **INITIAL** exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 to provide Luxembourg-Minneapolis/St. Paul scheduled service.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: November 28, 1995 (confirmed by Order 96-3-33)

Applicant representative: David Kirstein 202-861-1532

Responsive pleadings: The Broward County, Florida, and the City of Cleveland filed answers in support of the November 26, 1996, application. On January 14, 1998, Icelandair informed us that it had polled the parties served with its January 8 amendment and that none objected to our acting in advance of the normal answer date (January 23, 1998) or to the merits of the amended application itself.

DISPOSITION

Action: **APPROVED, IN PART; REMAINDER DISMISSED** Action date: **JANUARY 16, 1998**

Effective dates of authority granted: **JANUARY 16, 1998, thru JANUARY 16, 1999**

Remarks: We approved Icelandair's request to renew its existing exemption authority to serve Luxembourg, subject to the conditions noted above, for the reasons set forth in Order 92-10-50. We approved Icelandair's request to conduct scheduled operations from points behind Iceland, via Iceland and intermediate points, to points in the United States and beyond, finding that this authority was encompassed by the U.S.-Iceland Air Transport Agreement. We dismissed Icelandair's request to provide Luxembourg-Minneapolis/St. Paul service, finding that grant of this authority is not provided for in our aviation agreement with Iceland and was not within the scope of authority we were prepared to grant the carrier.

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

X Foreign air carrier permit conditions (Order 80-1-2)

Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation under assigned authority (14 CFR 385)

(Petitions for review may be filed from now until 10 days after the service date of the confirming order/letter. Filing of a petition shall not stay the effectiveness of this action.)