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

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

January 16, 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 **American International Airways, Inc.** filed **1/9/98** in Docket **OST-97-3126** for:

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

By Order 97-8-20 the Department granted American International Airways exemption authority to provide scheduled all-cargo service in the U.S.-Ecuador market and allocated it three weekly all-cargo frequencies for this service. That award was subject to the condition that it will expire automatically and the frequencies will revert to the Department for reallocation if they are not used for a period of 90 days. Under the terms of the order AIA's frequency allocation would expire November 20, 1997, if AIA did not begin service by that date. On November 13, 1997, AIA applied for an exemption to extend its November 20, 1997, startup date to January 20, 1998. By Notice of Action Taken dated November 19, 1997, the Department granted the extension. (See Order 97-12-15.) AIA seeks extension of the January 20 startup date to April 20, 1998. AIA believes that the necessary approvals by the Ecuadorian authorities will be secured by April 20, 1998.

Applicant rep.: **Mark W. Atwood (202) 463-2515** DOT analyst: **Sylvia Moore (202) 366-6519**

DISPOSITION

XX *Granted (see below)*

The above action was effective when taken: **January 16, 1998,** *through* **April 20, 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: The 90-day dormancy period will begin April 20, 1998, AIA's proposed start-up date for its U.S.-Ecuador service.

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