



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation on April 20, 1998

**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-97-3126**

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This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of American International Airways, Inc. filed 4/8/98 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. By Notices of Action Taken dated November 19, 1997, and January 16, 1998, the Department granted extensions of the startup date through April 20, 1998. (See Orders 97-12-15 and 98-3-1.) AIA seeks extension of the April 20 startup date to June 19, 1998. AIA believes that the necessary approvals by the Ecuadorian authorities will be secured by June 19, 1998.

Applicant rep.: Mark W. Atwood (202) 463-2500 DOT analyst: Sylvia Moore, 202-366-6519

DISPOSITION

**XX** Granted (see below)

The above action was effective when taken: April 17, 1998, through June 19, 1998

**XX** Action taken by: **Paul L. Gretch, Director**  
**Office of International Aviation**

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**Special Conditions/Remarks:** The 90-day dormancy period will begin June 19, 1998, AIA's proposed startup 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.

(See Reverse Side)

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; and (2) grant of the exemption was consistent with the public interest. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions with ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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