



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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U. S.- LIMA COMBINATION SERVICES

NOTICE

Aviation negotiations between the United States and Peru held May 7, 8, and 9, 1998 concluded with the initialing of a Memorandum of Consultations (MOC), providing for an open-skies agreement ad referendum with a period of transition of four years for combination services and one year for all-cargo services.¹ Under the terms of the new agreement, from June 12, 1998, through June 11, 1999, U.S. carriers may operate a total of 63 weekly frequencies for combination air services. Fourteen additional frequencies become available effective June 12, 1999; and an additional seven weekly frequencies each become available effective June 12, 2000 and June 12, 2001. After that date there will be no limits on the number of flights U.S. carriers may operate in the U.S.-Peru market.

Of the 63 frequencies currently available, 56 have been allocated to U.S. carriers--American Airlines, United Air Lines, Continental Airlines, and Delta Air Lines.² American Airlines has notified the Department of its plans to operate an additional daily frequency in the Miami-Lima market beginning in July 1998 which would use the remaining seven weekly frequencies.

In February 1998 we solicited applications from all U.S. carriers interested in operating services in the U.S.-Peru market.³ At that time, seven frequencies were available for new or expanded U.S. carrier services. The frequencies were allocated to Delta, the only carrier that expressed interest in serving the market. Given American's stated plans and absent the filing of competing requests by carriers that have firm plans to operate near-term services in the U.S.-Peru market, we intend to allocate seven weekly frequencies to American for its Miami-Lima services. We will issue a notice this fall with respect to the 14 additional frequencies that will become available for services beginning in June 1999.

Carriers with firm plans to use the seven frequencies now available should file exemption and frequency allocation applications, where applicable, no later than June 12, 1998. Carriers that

¹ This notice is limited to the issue of certain combination service frequencies. New opportunities for all-cargo services will be handled by a separate notice.

² See Orders 95-4-21, 96-12-8, 97-8-17, 97-12-15, 98-1-6, 98-1-29, and Notice of Action Taken dated February 20, 1998.

³ See Notice dated January 28, 1998, regarding U.S.-Peru combination services.

already hold the necessary underlying authority should file an application for allocation of the available frequencies. Answers to applications will be due June 16, 1998, and replies to answers will be due June 18, 1998. Except for the filing dates, exemption applications should conform to Subpart D of Part 302 of the Department's regulations (14 CFR Part 302). All applications (exemption and frequency allocation) should be filed with the Department of Transportation, Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.⁴ They should specify the markets to be served; the aircraft type and passenger capacity of the aircraft to be used and whether such aircraft are currently available in the carrier's fleet; the proposed startup date; the number of weekly frequencies and the full routing of the flights to be operated; and evidence of the carrier's underlying economic authority, including route integration authority, if applicable.

We will serve this notice on all U.S. certificated air carriers authorized to operate foreign scheduled combination air services with large aircraft.

By:

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*An electronic version of this notice is available on the World Wide Web at
<http://dms.dot.gov/general/orders/aviation.html>.*

⁴ The original submission is to be unbound and without tabs on 8½" x 11" white paper using dark ink (not green) to facilitate use of the Department's docket imaging system.