



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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NOTICE

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**U.S.-Japan Charters
Returned/Forfeited Flights
1998/1999**

U.S. carriers can operate 400 one-way charter flights in the 1998/1999 charter year (October 1, 1998 - September 30, 1999) between the United States and Japan under the terms of the 1982 and 1989 Interim Aviation Agreements and a 1998 Memorandum of Understanding. Only 300 of these flights may serve Tokyo or Osaka. By Notice dated April 17, 1998, the Department awarded a portion of the available flights to two U.S. carriers for the current allocation year ending September 30, 1999.¹ The Department also established a charter pool for distribution of the remaining flights on a first-come, first-served basis. The advance allotments are subject to forfeiture in cases where fewer than 40 percent of the allotted flights have been used or been committed by firm contracts during the first six months of the charter year.²

The U.S. carriers that hold the charter authorizations have recently filed reports on their flight operations and on their firm contracts for the remainder of the charter year. After reviewing this information, we have determined that 213 flights held by Continental Micronesia have been forfeited. Based on this flight forfeiture and the remaining balance in the original charter pool, we have determined that, as of May 31, 1999, 309 flights are available for distribution on a first-come, first-served basis to any U.S. certificated carrier having requisite FAA authority.³ Interested carriers should submit applications to operate these flights to the U.S. Air Carrier Licensing Division (X-44), Office of International Aviation.

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¹ Continental Micronesia - 274, and Federal Express - 22.

² The flights that are either returned or forfeited as of March 31, 1999, are placed in the charter pool.

³ Based on 96 charters remaining from the original charter pool, plus the 213 flights forfeited by Continental Micronesia.

