



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on June 24, 1999

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 97-2657

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 CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC., filed 5/26/99 for:

XX Renewal of exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Houston, Texas, and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Continental asks that its authority be renewed for an indefinite period.

Applicant rep: R. Bruce Keiner (202) 624-2500 DOT Analyst: Linda L. Lundell (202) 366-2336

DISPOSITION

XX **Granted, in part (see remarks)**

XX **Dismissed request for longer-term authority (see remarks)**

The above action was effective when taken: June 24, 1999, through June 4, 2001, or until 90 days after final Department action on a corresponding certificate application, whichever occurs earlier.

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

XX **The authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and Mexico.**

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

XX **Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity**

XX **Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)**

Remarks: **The U.S.-Mexico exemption authority granted is subject to the dormancy notice requirements set forth in condition 7 of Appendix A of Order 88-10-2.**

It is our standard practice, for this type of application, to renew exemption authority for no longer than a period of two years. Consistent with this practice, and for the purpose of administrative convenience, we have renewed this authority coextensive with other U.S.-Mexico exemption authority recently granted to Continental (see Notice of Action Taken dated June 4, 1999). We have dismissed Continental's request for longer-term authority.

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On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(n) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

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; (2) grant of the exemption was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted or dismissed, 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 within 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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U.S. CARRIER
Standard Exemption Conditions

In the conduct of operations authorized by the attached notice, the applicant(s) shall:

- (1) Hold at all times effective operating authority from the government of each country served;
- (2) Comply with applicable requirements concerning oversales contained in 14 CFR 250 (for scheduled operations, if authorized);
- (3) Comply with the requirements for reporting data contained in 14 CFR 241;
- (4) Comply with requirements for minimum insurance coverage, and for certifying that coverage to the Department, contained in 14 CFR 205;
- (5) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with the applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations; and
- (7) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department of Transportation, with all applicable orders and regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

The authority granted shall be effective only during the period when the holder is in compliance with the conditions imposed above.