



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on August 28, 2000

**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-98-3888**

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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 CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC., filed 7/6/2000, for:

**XX** Renewal for two years of exemption under 49 U.S.C. §40109 to provide the following service:

**Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between any point or points in the United States and the following points in Africa: Luanda, Angola; Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Douala, Cameroon; Ndjamena, Chad; Libreville, Gabon; Antananarivo, Madagascar; Bamako, Mali; Nouakchott, Mauritania; Mauritius, Mauritius; Agadir, Morocco; Marrakech, Morocco; and Niamey, Niger. Continental states that, although it does not currently serve these markets, it seeks renewal of the authority so that it may introduce U.S.-Africa service when conditions warrant.**<sup>1 2</sup>

Applicant rep: R. Bruce Keiner (202) 624-2615 DOT Analyst: Linda L. Lundell (202) 366-2336

**DISPOSITION**

**XX** **Granted (Subject to conditions, see remarks)**

The above action was effective when taken: August 28, 2000, through August 28, 2002, 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 Burkina, Faso, and with the overall state of aviation relations between the United States and the remaining African nations listed above.**

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

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

**XX** **Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)**

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<sup>1</sup> When Continental originally received this authority, it proposed to serve these markets via France pursuant to a third-country code-share arrangement with Air France. Continental no longer intends to serve these points under that arrangement.

<sup>2</sup> Continental does not seek renewal of the integration authority originally granted in connection with its U.S.-Africa exemption, stating that it now holds blanket integration authority encompassing all of its certificate and exemption authority (see Notice of Action Taken dated May 5, 1999, Docket OST-97-2347).

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On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(g) 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, 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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**APPENDIX A****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 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with the applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regulations, including all FAA requirements concerning security; 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.