



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

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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-98-4331-- //

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).

Applicant: **Air Tahiti Nui**

Date Filed: July 23, 2001

Relief requested: Amend existing exemption authority to permit Air Tahiti Nui to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Papeete, Tahiti (French Polynesia) and Paris, France, via Los Angeles, California.¹

If renewal, date and citation of last action: New authority

Applicant representative: Thomas J. Whalen (202) 289-0500

Responsive pleadings: By letter dated August 3, 2001, Air Tahiti Nui asked that we take no further action on its request until further notice. By letter dated March 15, 2002, Air Tahiti Nui asked that we activate its request and issue Air Tahiti Nui the requested authority.

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved

Action date: March 21, 2002

Effective dates of authority granted: March 20, 2002-November 24, 2002 (coextensive with Air Tahiti Nui's underlying authority in this docket)

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): Air Transport Agreement between the United States and France

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

X Standard exemption conditions

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks:

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

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) the applicant was qualified to perform the proposed operations; (2) our action was consistent with Department policy; (3) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (4) 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/deferred/dismitted, 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 seven (7) 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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http://dms.dot.gov/reports/reports_aviation.asp*

¹ On November 24, 2000, we renewed, for a period of two years, the exemption authority of Air Tahiti Nui in the present docket (OST-98-4331) to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Papeete, Tahiti (French Polynesia), and Los Angeles, California; and to conduct charters in accordance with Part 212 of the Department's rules.