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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. George L. Wellington, Jr.  
Chief, Foreign Air Carrier Licensing Division  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.--Room 6412  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Aerolineas Argentinas--Application for Extra-Section Flights

Dear Mr. Wellington:

On behalf of Aerolineas Argentinas, I am writing to request authorization for Aerolineas to operate thirty-three one-way extra-section scheduled flights between Buenos Aires and Miami during the period January 2 through March 27, 1998, as described below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Route</u>
January 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 February 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 March 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27	AR1903	B747	MIA-EZE

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Extra-section flights are permitted under Annex II, Section 5 of the U.S-Argentina Air Transport Agreement, which states that each country will approve a reasonable number of such flights. Aerolineas submits that the operation of the foregoing extra-section flights during the peak winter travel season is fully consistent with the bilateral and the public interest. To the extent necessary, Aerolineas requests a waiver of any advance filing requirements that might otherwise be applicable to this request.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Charles F. Donley II

cc: Jeffrey Manley--United Airlines  
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