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Mr. George Wellington, Chief
 Foreign Carrier Licensing Division
 Office of International Aviation
 Department of Transportation
 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 6412
 Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Application of Aerolitoral S.A. de C.V. for Statement of
 Authorization to Wet Lease to Aerovias de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.

Dear Mr. Wellington:

Pursuant to 14 C.F.R. § 212.9 of the Department's Economic Regulations, Aerolitoral S.A. de C.V. ("Aerolitoral") requests authorization allowing it to wet lease aircraft on a long-term basis to Aerovias de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. ("Aeromexico"), a flag carrier of Mexico, for the provision of service in the San Luis Potosi, Mexico-Houston, Texas market. Aerolitoral requests that the authorization be effective for one year. Since Aeromexico wants to institute service on July 12, 1999, Aerolitoral is requesting that the Department act on this application as soon as possible. Aerolitoral intends to poll U.S. airlines and report the results to the Department. A waiver of the 45-day notice requirement is requested. In support of this application, Aerolitoral submits the following:

1. Aerolitoral, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cintra, S.A. de C.V., is a flag carrier of the United Mexican States and currently holds exemption authority to operate passenger charters between points in Mexico and points in the United States Notice of Action Taken, Docket OST-97-2619. Pursuant to statements of authorization, Aerolitoral currently conducts wet lease operations for Aeromexico in several U.S.-Mexico markets.

2. Aeromexico, also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cintra, S.A. de C.V., is a flag carrier of the United Mexican States and currently holds a foreign air carrier permit which authorizes service between Mexico and numerous U.S. points. Order 91-5-25. Pursuant to its permit and various exemption authorities, Aeromexico provides extensive service between Mexico and the United States.

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For all the foregoing reasons, Aerolitoral respectfully requests that the Department grant a statement of authorization to conduct the proposed operations. The \$19 filing fee and two additional copies of this letter are enclosed. Copies of this application have been served by mail upon those persons shown on the attached service list.

Yours very truly,



William C. Evans

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S.A. de C.V.

Enclosures