

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
January 5, 2001**

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U.S. FRANCE THIRD-COUNTRY)	Docket OST -
CODE-SHARE OPPORTUNITIES (2001))	
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Joint Application of)	
DELTA AIR LINES, INC.)	
and)	Docket OST-2000-8207
CZECH AIRLINES)	
for a statement of authorization)	
pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Part 212)	
(United States-Czech Republic codesharing))	
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**SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 OF DELTA AIR LINES AND CONTINGENT
REQUEST FOR A U.S.-FRANCE DESIGNATION**

Consistent with the terms of the U.S.-France Air Transport Agreement, and the Department's December 26, 2000 Notice concerning U.S.-France third-country codeshare opportunities, Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") hereby supplements its pending application for codeshare authority with CSA, and makes this contingent request for a U.S.-France third-country codeshare designation.

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1. If no competing applications are received, the available designation should be awarded to Delta in order to provide the traveling public with beneficial new service options between the United States and France. Delta is fully prepared to put the available U.S.-France designation to productive use in conjunction with its alliance partner, CSA. Delta and CSA would propose to implement additional service to Lyon and Paris, France, via Prague, effective April 1, 2001. However, if viable competing applications are filed, Delta is willing to recede its request in favor of another applicant.

2. Regardless of whether or not Delta receives a France third-country designation, Delta requests that the Department authorize Delta and CSA to conduct blind-sector services beyond Paris and Lyon to Prague. Such services are not restricted under the U.S.-France bilateral and do not require a third-country codeshare designation. *See*, U.S.-France Agreement Annex V (“[codeshare operations] *between* the territories of the Parties via intermediate third countries . . . shall be subject to the following limitations . . .”) (emphasis added). Thus, Delta would place its code on CSA’s France-Prague services only for the limited purpose of carrying Delta online international passengers on through journeys from the United States to points *beyond* France in the Czech Republic or other third countries. Delta would not carry any U.S.-France or France-originating passengers on CSA’s flights (unless it is awarded a designation pursuant to paragraph 1 above).

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3. Delta further urges the Department to immediately approve the remainder of the Joint Application, which is non-controversial and plainly authorized under the U.S.-Czech open skies agreement. As noted in the Application, the Joint Applicants plan to commence reciprocal codeshare service at the start of the Summer 2001 traffic season on March 25, 2001. The Joint Applicants timely filed their application on October 27, 2000 and have also submitted the required audit review statement to the FAA. Any further delay in the processing of this routine codeshare request will cause the Joint Applicants unwarranted commercial harm.

Respectfully submitted,



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