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Application of

ESTAFETA CARGA AEREA, S.A. de C.V.

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for a §40109 exemption to operate  
charter cargo services between points  
in Mexico and the United States

APPLICATION OF ESTAFETA CARGA AEREA, S.A. de C.V.  
FOR A TEMPORARY SECTION 40109 EXEMPTION TO OPERATE  
CARGO CHARTERS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO  
(Department action by February 09, 2001, requested.)

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NOTICE: Answers in support of or in opposition to this application  
must be filed at the Department of Transportation's Docket Section on  
or before January 22, 2001, and a copy served upon the applicant and  
each person listed on the service list contained in this application.  
The applicant is requesting the Department to act by February 9, 2001

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C §40109 and the Department's Regulations, ESTAFETA CARGA AEREA, S.A. de C.V. ("ESTAFETA") submits this application for the issuance of an exemption authorizing ESTAFETA to engage in the cargo charter transportation of property between points in Mexico, on the one hand, and points in the United States, on the other, for a period of at least one year.

1. ESTAFETA is applying for cargo charter authority between the United States and Mexico. The governments of these countries have established a liberal charter authority regime for carriers of each country. (See DOT Orders 99-7-23 and 98-4-2). Estafeta has been awarded economic and operating authority by its home country to engage in these charters. Estafeta will use B737 freighters for this service. Estafeta leases its aircraft and operates them with its own crews. The carrier began Mexico domestic operations in November 2000.

2. Attached hereto is a multi-page appendix which provides the

operating, fitness, and economic information required by the regulations for new foreign air carrier applicants. A copy with translation of Estafeta's Mexican operating/economic license is also attached to this application. Estafeta is filing its family assistance plan separately. It has had no accidents or safety violations.

3. ESTAFETA plans to begin service to the United States in February 2001.

4. ESTAFETA is wholly owned and managed by citizens of Mexico. (See attachment hereto). The company and its key personnel have no interest in any U.S. or non-U.S. carrier, common carrier, or person substantially engaged in aeronautics. ESTAFETA is headquartered at San Luis Potosi's Ponciano Arriaga Airport and has a corporate presence in Mexico City.

5. The likely U.S. points which ESTAFETA will serve are: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Phoenix, Denver, DFW, San Antonio, Houston, St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis, Detroit, Atlanta, Washington Dulles, New York JFK, Orlando and Miami. Such flights would depart or enter Mexico at: San Luis Potosi, Tijuana, CJS, MID, Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterrey. These are just the anticipated likely origin/destination points for the carrier. Any U.S. airport with appropriate customs facilities might also receive this on-demand service. The recent charter bilateral establishes the comity and reciprocity required for the granting of this exemption (See Order 99-7-23).

6. ESTAFETA just commenced operations. In the appendix are its pro forma operating results and projected financial statistics.

WHEREFORE, ESTAFETA CARGA AEREA, S.A. de C.V. requests the Department of Transportation to issue to it an exemption from §41302 of Title 49 to authorize it to conduct the foreign charter air transportation of property between points in the United States, on the one hand, and points in Mexico, on the other; and for other relief which is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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