

**BEFORE THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, DC**

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FAR EASTERN AIR TRANSPORT CORPORATION)	Docket OST-2002-_____
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for renewal of an exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301)	
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FOR RENEWAL OF AN EXEMPTION**

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109, Far Eastern Air Transport Corporation (“Far Eastern”) requests renewal of an exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301 and from any other provisions of Title 49 and the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (“Department”) to the extent necessary to allow Far Eastern to engage in scheduled and charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail pursuant to the Open Skies Air Transport Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, which was signed on March 18, 1998.

In support of this request, Far Eastern states as follows:

1. By Notice of Action Taken on September 10, 1998, in Docket OST-98-3980, the Department granted Far Eastern exemption authority to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail from points behind Taiwan, via Taiwan and intermediate points, to points in the U.S. and beyond; charter foreign air transportation of

persons, property and mail pursuant to the Open Skies Air Transport Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office; and other charters pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Part 212. This exemption authority expired on September 10, 2000. By Notice of Action Taken on January 5, 2001, in Docket OST-2000-8495, the Department reinstated Far Eastern's exemption authority. Far Eastern was granted authority for a period of two years, through January 5, 2003.

2. Far Eastern requests that this exemption authority be renewed for a period of two years or until 90 days after the issuance of a final order granting the outstanding Application of Far Eastern Air Transport Corporation for Foreign Air Carrier Permit, which was filed on July 29, 1997, amended on June 24, 1998, and remains pending in Docket No. OST-97-2768, whichever occurs first.

3. Grant of the authority requested herein is in the public interest and consistent with the Open Skies Air Transport Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office.

4. Far Eastern hereby invokes the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 558(c), as implemented by 14 C.F.R. Part 377, to continue its exemption authority in effect pending final Department action on this exemption renewal application. This exemption application is timely filed under 14 C.F.R. § 377.10(c)(3).

WHEREFORE, Far Eastern respectfully requests that the Department renew its exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301 to the extent necessary to permit Far Eastern to engage in scheduled and charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail,

as described herein, and grant such other relief as the Department deems to be consistent with the public interest.

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