

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Application of)
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AEROLINHAS BRASILEIRAS, S.A.)
 ("ABSA"))
)
for an exemption under 49 U.S.C.)
40109 (former Section 416(b) of the)
Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as)
Amended).)
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Docket No.: 96-1372

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APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION
AUTHORITY OF AEROLINEAS BRASILEIRAS, S.A.

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NOTICE: In filing this Application, ABSA invokes the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 558 (c), as implemented by 14 C.F.R. part 377. Any person may file an answer in support of, or in opposition to, this application within fifteen days of this date.

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1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, (the "Act"), and 14 C.F.R. §302.400 et seq., application is hereby made by Aerolineas Brasileiras, S.A., ("ABSA"), for an exemption from 49 USC §41301 and 14 C.F.R. Part 211, to the extent necessary to permit ABSA to continue to conduct scheduled and charter all-cargo services between any point or points in Brazil and the U.S. coterminal points New York/ Atlanta/ Miami/ Orlando/ Detroit/ Houston/ Chicago/ Los Angeles/ Washington, D.C./ Baltimore/ San Francisco/ Boston/ San Juan, via intermediate points. In support of its application ABSA states as follows:

2. ABSA currently holds regulatory authority to engage in scheduled and charter foreign air transportation of property and mail between Brazil and the United States, in accordance with the

Department of Transportation regulations. See Docket OST 96-1372 and Notice of Action Taken issued on January 28, 2002.

3. ABSA has the requisite regulatory authority from the Brazilian Civil Aviation Department, and it remains competent and qualified to perform the operations contemplated in this application. The authority requested herein is consistent with the provisions of the United States-Brazil air transport agreement of March 21, 1989 as amended, and is in the public interest. Furthermore, ABSA respectfully states that reciprocity on the part of the Government of Brazil continues to provide additional justification for the approval of this operating authority.

WHEREFORE, ABSA respectfully requests that this application of exemption authority be granted for authority to provide nonscheduled air transportation of cargo as described herein and such further relief as the Department may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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DATED: December 31, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by facsimile this 31th day of December, 2002, to each one of the individuals listed as representatives of the various air carriers on the attached service list.



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