

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Application of)
Alitalia-Linee Aeree Italiane-S.p.A.)
for an exemption under 49 U.S.C. section 40109)

Docket OST-98- *3858*

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FOR ALL-CARGO EXEMPTION AUTHORITY**

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NOTICE: Answers supporting or opposing this application must be filed and served upon counsel for the applicant and all parties served with this application on or before June 2, 1998.

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. section 40109 Alitalia-Linee Aeree Italiane-S.p.A. ("Alitalia") hereby requests an exemption from section 41302 to permit it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between Italy and Atlanta. In support of this application, Alitalia states as follows:

In the Memorandum of Understanding attached to the Memorandum of Consultation signed by the U.S. and Italian Governments on July 3, 1991, it was agreed that the Italian designated airline shall have the right to operate all-cargo service to certain additional points in the U.S., one of which is Atlanta.

Alitalia plans to begin all-cargo service between points in Italy and Atlanta on June 19, 1998 using its own B-747-200F aircraft. The initial routing of this service will be Milan-New York-Atlanta-Milan.

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Alitalia is fit, willing and able to perform this service. Alitalia holds a foreign air carrier permit, issued by Order 71-4-1, to conduct foreign air transportation of person, property and mail between Italy and specified U.S. cities, and of property only (all-cargo service) between Italy and Boston, New York, and Chicago. The permit also authorizes charter operations. In addition, Alitalia holds various exemption authorities to provide services to and from the U.S., including all-cargo service to Miami.

Grant of this exemption authority is consistent with the public interest. The proposed all-cargo service between Italy and Atlanta will provide efficient and convenient new services to the shipping public, contribute to the improvement of commerce in the Atlanta community and surrounding region, and enhance the competitive options available to consumers.

Alitalia requests that the Department act expeditiously on this application in light of the plan to begin the service on June 19 and that the authority be made effective for a period of two years.

Respectfully submitted,

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