

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Application of :
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC. : Docket OST-99-5868
for renewal and amendment of certificate authority :
pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41102 (Route 561) :

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION OF
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.
FOR RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT
OF CERTIFICATE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE: Continental requests that this application, as amended, be processed by expedited non-hearing procedures pursuant to Subpart Q of the Department's Rules of Practice. Answers supporting or opposing this amendment are due on or before November 4, 1999.

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Continental¹ amends its June 21, 1999, application in this docket for renewal and amendment of its Route 561 certificate authority to request incorporation of its currently-held U.S.-Mexico exemption authority granted pursuant to its codeshare arrangements with Northwest and Alaska and to withdraw its request that the Department restore its San Diego-Mexico City/Toluca certificate authority.

Continental states as follows in support of its amendment:

1. Continental amends its June 21, 1999, application in this docket to request that the following additional segments, for which Continental holds

¹ Common names for airlines are used.

exemption authority granted by Notice of Action Taken, June 4, 1999, in Docket OST-97-2657, be incorporated into Continental's Route 561:

- a. Between the terminal point Detroit, Michigan, and the terminal points Cancun, Mexico City, Puerto Vallarta, and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo.
 - b. Between the terminal point Memphis, Tennessee, on the one hand, and the terminal point Cancun, Mexico.
 - c. Between the terminal point Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, and the terminal points Acapulco, Cancun, Cozumel, Puerto Vallarta, San Jose del Cabo, and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, Mexico.
 - d. Between the terminal point Tampa, Florida, and the terminal point Cancun, Mexico.
 - e. Between the terminal point Los Angeles, California, and the terminal points La Paz, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, San Jose del Cabo, and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, Mexico.
 - f. Between the terminal point San Diego, California, and the terminal point San Jose del Cabo, Mexico.
 - g. Between the terminal point San Francisco, California, and the terminal points Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, and San Jose del Cabo, Mexico.
2. Continental will serve the routes listed in segments a-d by placing its designator code on Northwest flights and serve the routes listed in segments e-g by placing its designator code on Alaska flights. To the extent that Alaska and Northwest operate U.S.-Mexico service on a seasonal basis, Continental asks the

Department to waive the 90-day dormancy condition applicable to those routes in Continental's certificate.

3. Continental also withdraws its request that the Department restore its Route 561 Segment 2 San Diego-Mexico City/Toluca certificate authority since Continental has discontinued its San Diego-Mexico City flights.²

4. The additional authority requested by this amendment is fully consistent with the U.S.-Mexico bilateral aviation agreement, as amended, and the arguments in Continental's June 21, 1999, application for renewal and amendment of its Route 561 authority in this docket apply equally to this amendment.

WHEREFORE, Continental amends its June 21, 1999, application in this docket for renewal and amendment of its Route 561 certificate authority to request incorporation of its currently-held U.S.-Mexico exemption authority granted

² In its June 21, 1999, renewal and amendment application, Continental asked that its dormant Route 561 Segment 2 San Diego-Mexico City authority be restored.

pursuant to its codeshare arrangements with Northwest and Alaska and to
withdraw its request to restore Segment 2 of its Route 561 certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

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