

**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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**Application of**

**DELTA AIR LINES, INC.**

**for renewal of an exemption pursuant to  
49 U.S.C. § 40109 (United States - France)**

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FOR RENEWAL OF AN EXEMPTION**

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Note: Answers to this application must be filed by March 23, 2000.

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**APPLICATION OF DELTA AIR LINES, INC.  
FOR RENEWAL OF AN EXEMPTION**

Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") hereby applies for renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 40109 to allow Delta to continue to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in France, either directly or via intermediate points, and beyond France to any point or points in third countries; and to allow Delta to continue to integrate this authority with Delta's existing certificate and exemption authority.<sup>1</sup> Such exemption authority was originally granted to Delta by Notice of Action Taken dated May 8, 1998, as confirmed by Order 98-6-5, and is set to expire on May 8, 2000. Delta requests renewal of this authority for at least an additional

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<sup>1</sup> Delta will continue to accept the following condition: "The authority to operate via intermediate points and beyond France to third countries will be on a blind-sector basis and is limited to countries with which the United States has signed open-skies agreements and/or countries for which Delta holds authority to serve under certificates or exemptions issued by the Department, and for which it holds route integration authority by virtue of either the present action or other action of the Department."

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two years, or until 90 days after the Department's final determination on Delta's application for United States-France certificate authority, pending in Docket OST-99-6246.

In filing this renewal application, Delta hereby invokes and relies upon 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 determination on this renewal request. This application for renewal is timely filed pursuant to Section 377.10(c).

Pursuant to the exemption authority that is the subject of this renewal application, Delta offers several transatlantic flights between the United States and France, both with its own aircraft and in conjunction with its codeshare partner, Société Air France ("Air France"), as well as codeshare services to several interior French points on Air France-operated flights beyond Paris (CDG). Such services are consistent with the 1998 U.S.-France Air Transport Agreement. Renewal of Delta's exemption authority is in the public interest because it will allow Delta to continue to offer a wide variety of competitive U.S.-France services that are available to U.S. carriers under the liberal agreement with France and that benefit travelers and shippers.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Delta respectfully requests that the Department renew an exemption authorizing Delta to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between the United States and France, as

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

Respectfully submitted,

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