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In filing this renewal application, Delta 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. This application is timely filed pursuant to Section 377.10(c).

In support of this renewal application, Delta states the following:

1. By Notice of Action Taken dated July 17, 1998, the Department renewed exemptions authorizing Delta to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the United States and each of the foreign points listed in Exhibit A¹, and to integrate such authority with all of Delta's existing certificate and exemption authority. These exemptions expire on July 17, 2000.

2. Renewal of this exemption authority is in the public interest. These exemptions have allowed Delta to provide third-country codeshare service between the United States and numerous foreign points in conjunction with its European codeshare partners. Delta inaugurated service to these points in conjunction with

¹ Delta is not herein seeking renewal of its exemption authority with respect to the following points in the United Kingdom: Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Humberside, Leeds/Bradford and Newcastle. Delta's authority to serve these points has been subsumed within exemption authority granted by Notice of Action Taken dated April 8, 1999 (Docket OST-99-5391), which authorizes Delta to provide scheduled foreign air transportation between any points in the United States and any points in the United Kingdom except London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

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Austrian Airlines, Sabena, and Swissair, and has since added service to some of these points in conjunction with its global alliance partner, Air France, pursuant to the Delta/Air France blanket codeshare authority issued on August 6, 1998 (#98-303). Delta currently provides third-country codeshare service to Banjul, Gambia; Conakry, Guinea; and Lome, Togo (in conjunction with Sabena via Brussels); and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; and Bamako, Mali (in conjunction with Air France via Paris). Renewal will allow Delta to resume, maintain or enhance online service between the United States and several points in Europe, Africa and Asia, with respect to which U.S. carrier online service options are otherwise very limited.

3. The authority to serve the points listed in Exhibit A continues to be governed by applicable bilateral agreements and/or principles of comity and reciprocity, as more fully described in Delta's applications dated July 8, 1996 (Docket OST-96-1510), and July 26, 1996 (Docket OST-96-1598).² In addition,

² Delta will provide services to each point only to the extent permitted by the relevant foreign authorities. It is Delta's understanding that the government of Kazakhstan has withdrawn all U.S. carrier rights to provide third-country codeshare authority to that country. Delta will resume service to Almaty at such a time as bilateral issues with Kazakhstan have been resolved and as market conditions warrant.

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Delta's authority to provide codeshare service beyond Paris in conjunction with Air France and beyond Brussels in conjunction with Sabena is fully consistent with the United States' bilateral agreements with France and Belgium, respectively.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Delta respectfully requests that the Department renew the exemption authority described herein and grant such other and further relief as the Department deems to be consistent with the public interest.

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**DELTA REQUESTS RENEWAL OF ITS EXEMPTION AUTHORITY TO
PROVIDE SCHEDULED SERVICE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FOREIGN POINTS:**

Tirana, Albania
Minsk, Belarus
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
Bujumbura, Burundi
Douala, Cameroon
Zagreb, Croatia
Banjul, Gambia
Thessaloniki, Greece
Conakry, Guinea
Almaty, Kazakhstan
Riga, Latvia
Vilnius, Lithuania
Skopje, Macedonia
Bamako, Mali
Malta
Mauritius
Kigali, Rwanda
Bratislava, Slovakia
Ljubljana, Slovenia
Lome, Togo
Tunis, Tunisia
Djerba, Tunisia
Entebbe/Kampala, Uganda

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