

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

June 27, 2000

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| Application of |) | |
| DELTA AIR LINES, INC. |) | |
| for renewal of exemptions pursuant to |) | |
| 49 U.S.C. § 40109 |) | |
| (Third-country codeshare points in Africa) |) | |

**Dockets OST-98-3846
OST-98-4296**

**APPLICATION OF DELTA AIR LINES, INC.
FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTIONS**

Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") hereby applies under 49 U.S.C. § 40109 for renewal of exemption authority to allow Delta to continue 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 A, and to continue to combine services operated under this exemption authority with all other Delta services authorized by existing certificates and exemptions granted by the Department, to the extent permitted by applicable international agreements. Delta requests that this exemption authority be renewed for a period of at least two years, or until 90 days after the Department's final determination on Delta's application for certificate authority pending in Docket OST-99-6246.

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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 Notices of Action Taken dated September 3, 1998 (Dockets OST-98-3846 and OST-98-4296), the Department granted exemptions authorizing Delta to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the United States and several points in Africa, as listed in Exhibit A¹, and to integrate such authority with all of Delta's existing certificate and exemption authority. The exemption authority granted in Docket OST-98-4296 (Cotonou, Benin) expires on September 2, 2000, and the exemption authority granted in Docket OST-98-3846 expires on September 3, 2000.

2. Renewal of this exemption authority is in the public interest. These exemptions have allowed Delta to provide third-country codeshare service

¹ The authority to serve all points listed in Exhibit A were granted in Docket OST-98-3846, except Cotonou, Benin, with respect to which exemption authority was granted in Docket OST-98-4296.

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between the United States and numerous foreign points in conjunction with its European codeshare partners. Delta offers third-country codeshare service to Cotonou, Benin, in conjunction Sabena, and plans to serve the other African points that are the subject of this application with its SkyTeam partner,

Air France, pursuant to the Delta/Air France blanket codeshare authority issued on August 6, 1998 (#98-303). Renewal will allow Delta to resume, maintain or enhance online service between the United States and several points in Africa 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 principles of comity and reciprocity, as more fully described in Delta's applications dated May 12, 1998 (Docket OST-98-3846), and August 7, 1998 (Docket OST-98-4296).² In addition, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

² Delta will provide services to each point only to the extent permitted by the relevant foreign authorities.

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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:**

Luanda, Angola

Cotonou, Benin

Yaounde, Cameroon

Ndjamena, Chad

Libreville, Gabon

Nouakchott, Mauritania

Agadir, Morocco

Marrakech, Morocco

Rabat, Morocco

Niamey, Niger

Seychelles

Sfax, Tunisia

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