

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

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for a statement of authorization to engage)	
in codesharing pursuant to 14 C.F.R. 212)	
(Los Angeles-Vancouver))	
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Alaska Airlines, Inc. (“Alaska”), pursuant to 14 C.F.R. 212, hereby requests a statement of authorization permitting it to engage in codeshare operations with Qantas Airways Limited (“Qantas”). Under the carriers’ agreement, Qantas will place its two-letter designator code on certain flights operated by Alaska between Qantas’ Los Angeles gateway and Vancouver, Canada.¹ Alaska and Qantas intend to begin codeshare service on this route on October 31, 2000. Alaska thus requests immediate approval and waiver of the 45-day advance-filing requirement otherwise applicable to this application, so that the carriers may begin advertising the codeshare service as soon as possible.² Alaska also requests that any statement of authorization issued by the Department pursuant to this request remain in effect indefinitely, in accordance with the Department’s practice in similar cases.

¹ A redacted copy of the codeshare agreement between Alaska and Qantas was filed with the Department in this Docket on April 15, 1999.

² Alaska intends to telephone poll all carrier representatives served with this application and will notify the Department promptly of the results of its poll.

In support of this application, Alaska states the following:

1. Alaska and Qantas currently hold all underlying authority necessary to operate these flights. Alaska holds blanket certificate authority between all points in the United States and Canada.³ Qantas holds authority to provide service between points in Australia and various coterminal points in the United States, including Los Angeles, and beyond to points in Canada.⁴ The U.S.-Australia bilateral agreement expressly permits codesharing of the type contemplated by this application on the basis of reciprocity.⁵

2. Alaska will place Qantas' two-letter designator code on Alaska's scheduled flights operating between Qantas' Los Angeles gateway and Vancouver for the purpose of transporting Qantas' Australia-originating and –destined traffic. Traffic moving locally between Los Angeles and Vancouver will not be transported under the “QF” code. All codeshare flights will be operated and marketed in accordance with the consumer notice provisions of 14 C.F.R. 257. As required by the Department, the parties agree that the carrier selling the transportation service will accept all obligations established in its contract of carriage with its passengers for the entire through service. In addition, the parties agree to accept other conditions imposed generally on similar codeshare operations.

3. Alaska is serving this application via facsimile on the carrier representatives identified in the service list attached to this application. Alaska will contact each person on this list by telephone to determine whether any intends to

³ See, Order 97-10-8 issuing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Route 745 (scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point in the United States and any point in Canada).

⁴ See, Order Issuing Foreign Air Carrier Permit, Order 94-3-27, March 7, 1994.

⁵ Exchange of Notes, entered into force March 23, 1989, Section III, note 4.

comment on this application, and will notify the Department promptly of the results of its poll.

WHEREFORE, Alaska Airlines, Inc. requests that the Department of Transportation grant its request for a statement of authorization permitting Alaska to display the two-letter designator code of Qantas Airways on Alaska's flights between Los Angeles, California and Vancouver, Canada, or grant such other relief as the Department deems necessary and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that one copy of the foregoing Application of Alaska Airlines, Inc. has this day been served on each of the persons identified below via first class mail or telecopier.

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