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On August 4, 1997, Servicios de Transportes Aereos Fueguinos (STAF) filed an application for a Statement of Authorization (#97-496) under 14 CFR Part 212 to conduct 25 roundtrip, all-cargo flights, over the routing Miami-Montevideo-Buenos Aires-Montevideo-Miami, during the period August 18, 1997, through February 13, 1998, on behalf of various charterers. On August 6, 1997, Transportes Aereos Ejecutivos (TAESA) filed an application for a Statement of Authorization (#97-498) under Part 212 to wet lease DC-10-30 equipment to STAF for the operation of these 25 flights.

Today the Department granted the requests of STAF and TAESA to operate a maximum of 9 of the above roundtrips, through October 17, 1997, and deferred action on their request to continue this wet-lease operation beyond 10/17/97.