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AUTHORITY ON 6/13/07.
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6/13/08.*

By Rolaf
FOR DIRECTOR OFFICE OF INTL
AVIATION

EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Re: Application of Aerolitoral, S.A. de C.V. for Wet Lease
Statement of Authorization-Aerovias de Mexico, S.A. de C.V..

Dear Mr. Wellington:

Pursuant to Part 212 of the Department's Economic Regulations, Aerolitoral, S.A. de C.V. (Aerolitoral), and Aerovias de Mexico, S.A., both flag carriers of Mexico, request a Statement of Authorization allowing Aerolitoral to wet lease small aircraft on a long term basis to Aeromexico for the provision of combination service over Aeromexico's authorized U.S.-Mexico transborder routes. The applicants request that the authorization be effective for one year. Since the parties would like to commence the wet lease services on or about July 9, 2007, they also requests a waiver of the 45-day notice requirement. They will poll the U.S. airlines on the service list and report the results to the Department. In support of this application, Aerolitoral and Aeromexico submit the following:

1. Aerolitoral currently holds exemption authority to operate passenger charters between points in Mexico and points in the United States. NOAT, Docket OST-97-2619. Pursuant to that authority and statements of authorization, Aerolitoral has conducted wet lease operations for Aeromexico in the past. Aerolitoral also holds exemption authority in operate in several transborder markets and to display Aeromexico's code on those markets.

2. Aeromexico is a flag carrier of the United Mexican States and currently holds a foreign air carrier permit which authorizes service between Mexico and numerous U.S. points.

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Order 91-5-25. Pursuant to its permit and various exemption authorities, Aeromexico provides extensive service between Mexico and the United States.

3. Aerolitoral and Aeromexico have negotiated a long term arrangement under which Aerolitoral will provide regional jet and/or other appropriate aircraft capable of carrying no more than 60 passengers, with crew to Aeromexico for the operation of various services over Aeromexico's authorized Mexico-U.S. transborder routes, as requested by Aeromexico. The purpose of the wet lease arrangement is to afford Aeromexico the operating flexibility to respond to traffic fluctuations by utilizing small aircraft or a combination of small and large aircraft to serve markets on a more economic basis. Initially, Aerolitoral expects to conduct wet lease operations with regional jet aircraft for Aeromexico between Mexico City and Austin (daily service) and between Hermosillo and Phoenix (twice weekly service). The parties would like these operations to commence on or about July 9, 2007. .

4. Aerolitoral will provide fully qualified and licensed crews and be responsible for maintenance of the aircraft. The aircraft will be under the exclusive possession, direction and operational control of Aerolitoral, and the Aerolitoral captain will have complete discretion concerning preparation and flight of the aircraft.

5. Grant of the requested authority is in the public interest because, as noted above, it will enable Aeromexico to serve its transborder routes more efficiently, which will improve Mexico-U.S. air service to the benefit of the traveling public

6. The December 12, 2005, Amendment to the U.S.-Mexico Air Transport Agreement, specifically sanctions cooperative working arrangements between airlines of the same country and the Direccion General de Aeronautica Civil of Mexico has approved cooperative working arrangements between U.S. airlines. Moreover, the Department has previously authorized Aerolitoral to wet lease aircraft to Aeromexico for operations in several transborder markets.

For all the foregoing reasons, Aerolitoral and Aeromexico respectfully request that the Department grant a statement of authorization to conduct the proposed operations. The \$19 filing fee is being mailed to your office. Copies of the application are being served by electronic mail upon those persons shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,



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