



**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**  
Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation

## NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

**DOCKETS OST 95-785/96-1038/96-1111/96-1226/96-1450**

This serves as interim notice to the public of the action described below, taken orally by the Department official indicated; the confirming order or other decision document will be issued as soon as possible.

**Applicant: VIACAO AEREA SAO PAULO, S.A. (VASP)**

**Date Filed: February 21, 1997**

**Relief requested: Exemptions under 49 U.S.C. 41301 to conduct: (1) scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between a point or points in Brazil and (a) the U.S. coterminal points Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. VASP requested authority to serve beyond Los Angeles to Osaka, Japan, and beyond Los Angeles and San Francisco to Seoul, Korea; and (b) the U.S. coterminal points Miami, Florida, and New York, New York, and beyond Miami and New York to Toronto, Ontario, Canada; (2) scheduled all-cargo operations between a point or points in Brazil and Miami; and (3) wet-lease operations on behalf of Ecuatoriana de Aviacion, S.A. (Ecuatoriana) a carrier of Ecuador, in order for Ecuatoriana to provide scheduled combination operations on Department-authorized routes in the U.S.-Ecuador market (by separate application, VASP requested a Statement of Authorization to conduct the wet-lease operations at issue here on behalf of Ecuatoriana.)**

**If renewal, date and citation of last action: The authorities requested were last granted by Notice of Action Taken (NAT) November 20, 1995, in Docket 95-785; NAT March 4, 1996, in Docket 96-1038; NAT March 12, 1996, in Docket 96-1111; NAT April 23, 1996, in Docket 96-1226; and NAT June 19, 1996, in Docket 96-1450**

**Applicant representative: Charles Donley 202-626-6840**

**Responsive pleadings: None.**

### DISPOSITION

**Action: Approved**

**Action date: July 14, 1997**

**Effective dates of authority granted: July 14, 1997-July 14, 1998**

**Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): Grant of the wet-lease authority is based on comity and reciprocity with Brazil. Grant of the remaining authorities sought is based on the U.S.-Brazil Air Transport Agreement (Agreement).**

  x   Standard exemption conditions (attached)

**Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks: The authorities granted above are subject to the standard exemption conditions attached to this Notice as well as to the terms, limitations and conditions of the Agreement.**

**Action taken by:**

**Paul L. Gretch, Director  
Office of International Aviation  
under assigned authority (14 CFR 385)**

**(Petitions for review may be filed from now until 10 days after the service date of the confirming order/letter. Filing of a petition shall not stay the effectiveness of this action.)**