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U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

November 19, 1997

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.

Application of American International Airways, Inc. filed 11/13/97 in Docket OST-97-3126 for:

XX *Exemption from Order 97-1-17; start-up date:*

By Order 97-8-20 the Department granted American International Airways exemption authority to provide scheduled all-cargo service in the U.S.-Ecuador market and allocated it three weekly all-cargo frequencies for this service. That award was subject to the condition that it will expire automatically and the frequencies will revert back to the Department for reallocation if they are not used for a period of 90 days. Under the terms of the order AIA's frequency allocation would expire November 20, 1997, if AIA did not begin service by that date. AIA seeks exemption from that condition to the extent necessary to extend its proposed start-up date to January 20, 1998. AIA states that because of delays in completing operational arrangements, including the necessary licenses from the Ecuadorian government, the optimum date to commence its operations is January 20, 1998.

Applicant rep.: Mark Atwood, 202-463-2500 DOT analyst: Sylvia Moore, 202-366-6519

DISPOSITION

XX *Granted (see below)*

The above action was effective when taken: November 19, 1997, through January 20, 1998

XX *Under assigned authority (14 CFR 385) by:*

*Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation
(Petitions for review may be filed from now until
10 days after the confirming order/letter issues.
Filing of a petition shall not stay the effectiveness of
this action.)*

Remarks: The 90-day dormancy period will begin January 20, 1998, AIA's proposed new start-up date for its U.S.-Ecuador service.

We acted on this application without awaiting expiration of the 15-day answer period with the consent of all parties served.