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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 18th day of February, 1998

Applications of

VARIOUS FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS

for exemptions or authorities under 49 U.S.C.
section 40109 and the orders and regulations
of the Department of Transportation

Dockets OST-97-3238
 OST-97-3200*
 OST-97-2917
 OST-97-2909
 OST-96-1869
 OST-96-1840
 Undocketed

ORDER

The foreign air carriers referenced in the attached Notices of Action Taken have applied for various forms of authority or relief from Title 49 of the U.S. Code or regulations or orders of the Department in order to perform the air transportation activities shown in the attached Notices of Action Taken. Except as noted, no answers were filed to these requests. Because of the imminence of these operations, we approved them by telephone, subject to adherence, by each applicant, to the conditions set forth in its foreign air carrier permit, and/or conditions attached.

We carefully considered the information set forth in each application described in the attached Notices of Action Taken, and we found that each of the proposed operations was consistent with the public interest and was consistent with an applicable bilateral aviation agreement and/or our aviation relationship with the applicant's homeland, that each applicant was qualified to perform its proposed operations, and that each application should be approved.

*/ The referenced Notice contains minor editorial or technical changes from the Notice originally issued. Any changes that we have made are non-substantive in nature and do not affect the authority described in the original Notice in question. To the extent that, following the issuance of a confirmation order, parties or other persons have need to rely on the content of a Notice of Action Taken, they should regard the language in the Notice attached to the order, rather than the language of the original Notice, as the language that the Department is in fact confirming.

For applicant carriers seeking initial operating authority, we determined, based on the record in those proceedings, that those carriers were financially and operationally qualified to conduct the services they proposed, and, unless otherwise noted, that they were substantially owned and effectively controlled by citizens of their respective homelands.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its Regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that for each operation (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the exemption or authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of this authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975.

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We confirm the actions described in the attached Notices of Action Taken, which granted the referenced foreign air carriers (1) exemptions from the provisions of sections 41301, and where necessary 41504, and/or other sections of Title 49 of the U.S. Code; and/or (2) relief or authorizations provided for under regulations or orders of the Department, to the applicants to perform the operations described in the attached Notices of Action Taken;
2. In the conduct of the service, each applicant was to adhere to the conditions set forth in Appendix A, and to any other conditions as noted in the attached Notices of Action Taken;
3. To the extent not granted, or explicitly deferred as noted in the attached Notices of Action Taken, these applications are denied; and
4. We may amend, modify, or revoke this order at any time without hearing.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of service of this order. The filing of a petition for review of a particular action shall affect this order only as it concerns that action.

These actions were effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter their effectiveness.

By:

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