

Department renew this exemption for an additional two years. Northwest serves this market by code sharing on flights operated by Continental Airlines, Inc. (“Continental”) between Newark and Port of Spain and between Houston and Port of Spain.

2. Northwest’s U.S.-Port of Spain service provides significant benefits to travelers and shippers and is clearly in the public interest. Northwest’s U.S.-Port of Spain service enhances competition in an important U.S.-Caribbean market, providing additional on-line U.S.-Port of Spain service and increasing the service options available to the U.S. traveling public.

3. The proposed Northwest/Continental codeshare service is fully consistent with Air Transport Agreement between the U.S. and Trinidad and Tobago, which requires the two countries to “extend favorable consideration” of such applications “on the basis of comity and reciprocity.” See U.S.-Trinidad and Tobago Air Transport Agreement, Annex II, Section 1. The bilateral aviation relationship between the U.S. and Trinidad and Tobago has comity and reciprocity for the type of codeshare services proposed in this application. See e.g., Notice of Action Taken on August 27, 2003, in Docket OST-2003-15750 (approving Northwest/Continental codesharing between Newark and Trinidad and Tobago); Notice of Action Taken on August 3, 2001, Docket OST-2001-10025 (approving United BWIA codesharing between numerous U.S. points and Trinidad and Tobago).

4. Northwest holds various certificates of public convenience and necessity and exemptions authorizing it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail. Northwest is fit, willing and able to provide the proposed services described in this application for the same reasons that supported the Department’s original grant of this exemption to Northwest.

5. Northwest affirms that its codeshare arrangement will have no impact on Northwest's Civil Reserve Air Fleet ("CRAF") commitment.

6. Northwest will comply with the Department's standard policies and regulations governing codesharing and will accept the same conditions found in its existing codeshare authority.

WHEREFORE, Northwest Airlines, Inc. respectfully requests renewal of its exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41101 to provide the requested scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in the United States and Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, and such additional relief as the Department deems to be in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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