

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Application of)
CONSORCIO AVIAXSA, S.A. de C.V)
For Renewal of an Exemption)
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Docket OST-2000-8018

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Consorsio Aviaxsa, S.A. de C.V. (“Applicant”) hereby applies for renewal of an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 under provisions of 40 U.S.C. 40109 to permit Applicant to continue scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail between Monterrey, Mexico and Houston, Texas in the United States.¹ Applicant’s designation from the Government of Mexico for this route remains in effect.

In support of this application, Applicant states the following:

Applicant has had the requisite authority from the Government of Mexico to engage in domestic and international non-scheduled air transportation since 1991.

The Department granted the Applicant an exemption to operate non-scheduled air transportation on June 20, 1991 and said exemption remains in full force and effect..

¹ Applicant invokes the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), as implemented by 14 CFR Part 377, to maintain its exemption authority in effect pending a final Department determination on this renewal application.

Applicant has had the requisite authority from the Government of Mexico to engage in domestic and international scheduled air transportation since 1998.

On March 6, 1998, the Applicant filed an application to amend its foreign air carrier permit application to add scheduled air transportation between points in Mexico and the United States, and, subject to Department regulations, between points in the United States and points worldwide. The Department has not acted on the application.

Applicant requests renewal of the exemption granted by Notice of Action Taken on November 2, 2005, granting the Applicant authority until November 2, 2006, pending the Department's final approval of the amended permit application.

Applicant also continues to operate scheduled air transportation between Monterrey-Las Vegas, Monterrey-Chicago, Mexico City-Houston, Morelia-Chicago, Mexico City-Las Vegas, Monterrey-Miami and Monterrey-Los Angeles pursuant to other current exemptions.

The information submitted by the Applicant to amend its Foreign Air Carrier Permit in 1998 is incorporated by reference herein.

The continuing fitness of the Applicant to provide scheduled air transportation between Mexico and the United States has been demonstrated by its fine record of performance since an initial exemption was issued in 1991.

Approval of Applicant's application for renewal will allow Applicant to continue scheduled air transportation between Monterrey and Houston. Moreover, approval of the application will be in the public interest because it will allow both U.S. and Mexico to receive the economic benefits inherent in international air transportation, which is a recognized component of the U.S.-Mexico aviation bilateral relationship.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, Consorcio Aviaxsa, S. A. de C. V. requests that the Department renew the exemption on the Monterrey-Houston route so that it may continue to operate scheduled air transportation between Mexico and the U.S., and, subject to Department regulations, between the U.S. and points worldwide.

Respectfully submitted,

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