



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, DC

Issued by the Department of Transportation on **October , 2006**

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2000-6903

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. (AMERICAN) filed 6/9/06 for:

XX Renewal of exemption for two years under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between a point or points in the United States and Romania. American requests renewal of its exemption for a period of at least two years in order to provide the flexibility to code share with any partner or partners in the future as circumstances may develop.¹

Applicant rep: Carl B. Nelson, Jr. 202-496-5647 DOT Analyst: Thuy H. Cooper 202-366-5423

DISPOSITION

XX **Granted** (subject to conditions, see below)²

The above action was effective when taken: **October , 2006**, through **October , 2008**, or until 90 days after final Department action on American's corresponding application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in Docket OST-2000-8516, whichever occurs earlier.

Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation

XX **The authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and Romania.**

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

- XX** **Holder's certificates of public convenience and necessity**
- XX** **Standard exemption conditions (attached)**

On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(g) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

¹ American states that it currently serves Bucharest via Zurich, Switzerland under a code-share arrangement with Swiss International Airlines; however, that arrangement will end on October 28, 2006. See Statement of Authorization approving the American/Swiss code-share operations dated April 23, 2002, and conditions therein (Notice of Action Taken, Docket 2002-12001). American states that it also serves Bucharest under its code-share arrangement with British Airways Plc via London Heathrow (see Order 2003-5-33). On October 18, 2006, the carrier's representative orally confirmed that American would like the flexibility to operate such services using its own aircraft or through code sharing.

² Under the exemption authority granted here, the carrier may operate between the United States and Romania using its own aircraft or through code sharing.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the exemption authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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U.S. Carrier Exemption Conditions

In the conduct of the operations authorized, the U.S. carrier applicant(s) shall:

- (1) Hold at all times effective operating authority from the government of each country served;
- (2) Comply with applicable requirements concerning oversales contained in 14 CFR 250 (for scheduled operations, if authorized);
- (3) Comply with the requirements for reporting data contained in 14 CFR 241;
- (4) Comply with requirements for minimum insurance coverage, and for certifying that coverage to the Department, contained in 14 CFR 205;
- (5) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with all applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration and with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security, including, but not limited to, 49 CFR Part 1544. To assure compliance with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security, the holder shall, before commencing any new service (including charter flights) to or from a foreign airport, contact its International Principal Security Inspector (IPSI) to advise the IPSI of its plans and to find out whether the Transportation Security Administration has determined that security is adequate to allow such airport(s) to be served; and
- (7) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department of Transportation, with all applicable orders and regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

The authority granted shall be effective only during the period when the holder is in compliance with the conditions imposed above.