



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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*In the Matter of U.S.-China Combination and All-Cargo Frequency
Allocation Proceedings*

NOTICE INVITING COMMENTS

On May 23, 2007, the United States and China signed a memorandum of consultation that anticipates a new agreement to liberalize aviation relations. The agreement provides for extensive increases in service opportunities for U.S. carriers for both combination and all-cargo services between the two countries. The first of these new U.S. carrier rights become available August 1, 2007. All other rights become available March 25 of the applicable year.

- 2007 - one additional airline may be designated to operate combination or all-cargo services between the United States and China. The airline so designated may begin services as of August 1, 2007. Seven combination frequencies are available for allocation effective August 1, 2007.

- 2008 - 7 combination frequencies are available for nonstop service between the United States and Guangzhou, China. Fifteen all-cargo frequencies are available for allocation.

- 2009 - 28 combination and 15 all-cargo frequencies are available for allocation. In addition, the United States may designate one new air carrier to operate combination services and one new cargo air carrier to operate all-cargo services.

- 2010 - 21 combination and 15 all-cargo frequencies are available for allocation. One new air carrier may be designated to provide either combination or all-cargo services.

- 2011 - 14 combination frequencies are available for allocation. Limitations on cargo carrier designations and frequencies are removed and therefore additional designations for combination services would become available.

- 2012 - 14 combination frequencies are available for allocation.

By this Notice the Department is soliciting the views of interested persons on procedural options for awarding these U.S. carrier rights. Given our desire to move quickly on

formulating appropriate procedures in light of the new rights available, we are seeking only a single round of comments, to be completed by June 1.

Accordingly, to ensure their full consideration, comments should be submitted to the Department by close of business on June 1, 2007. Comments should be addressed to the Office of International Aviation, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W., Room 6412, Washington, D.C. 20590, and submitted to the Department by facsimile to: (202) 366-3694, or electronic mail to the following email address: Catherine.Brown@dot.gov.¹

We will serve this notice by electronic mail on certificated U.S. carriers, and other interested persons, and hereby authorize service of documents by facsimile and by electronic mail.

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¹ In light of the currently-underway transition of the Department's Docket Section to the new DOT headquarters building, we strongly urge all persons submitting comments to do so by electronic mail.