



**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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Application of :  
                  AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. : OST-2000-6824  
under 49 USC 40109 for renewal of :  
exemption (U.S.-Hong Kong and beyond) :  
(codesharing with Cathay Pacific) :  
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**APPLICATION OF AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.  
FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION**

American Airlines, Inc., under 49 USC 40109, hereby applies for renewal of its exemption, most recently renewed by Notice of Action Taken in this docket on September 15, 2005, authorizing American to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between the United States and Hong Kong, either nonstop or via intermediate points, and beyond Hong Kong to third-country points. This authority is used for a codesharing arrangement between American and Cathay Pacific Airways, Ltd. (AA\* on CX), which was approved by Notice of Action Taken in this docket on January 8, 2003 for an indefinite term.

In filing this application, American invokes the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 USC 558(c), as implemented by 14 CFR Part 377. The exemption would expire on September 15, 2007 absent this renewal application. This application is timely under 14 CFR 377.10(c) since it is filed more than 60 days in advance of the expiration date.

Renewal of American's exemption is in the public interest. The services at issue are consistent with the October 19, 2003 Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, and with the Statement of United States International Air Transportation Policy, 60 Fed. Reg. 21841, 21842-43 (May 3, 1995).

In response to the Department's letter of June 1, 1995 to participants in the Civil Air Reserve Fleet Program, American states that its codesharing arrangement with Cathay Pacific has no impact on American's CRAF commitments.

In response to the Department's Notice of August 23, 2005 on streamlining regulatory procedures (OST-2005-22228), American has requested corresponding certificate authority. See Supplement to Application for Renewal of Route 602, August 26, 2005 (OST-2000-8516). We urge expedited approval of that application to avoid the need for successive renewals in exemption dockets.

Respectfully submitted,



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