



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

NOTICE SHORTENING ANSWER PERIOD

**Docket DOT-OST-2008-0158**  
**Docket DOT-OST-2008-0159**

On May 6, 2008, Aloha Airlines, Inc. ("Aloha"), and Aeko Kula, Inc. d/b/a Aloha Air Cargo ("AKI") (collectively, the "Joint Applicants") filed a joint application in Docket DOT-OST-2008-0158 requesting that the Department transfer the interstate scheduled certificate and other exemption authority held by Aloha to AKI pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41105 to enable AKI to close its purchase of Aloha's cargo-related assets and conduct intra-Hawaii cargo operations by May 14, the proposed closing date of the transaction. On that same date, the Joint Applicants filed an application in Docket DOT-OST-2008-0159 requesting that the Department grant them a *pendente lite* exemption from section 41105 in the event the Department is unable to act on their transfer application by May 14.

Concurrently, the Joint Applications filed a motion requesting that the Department shorten the answer period in this case to 12:00 p.m. on May 8, 2008,<sup>1</sup> to facilitate their request for expedited action in this matter and to enable the Joint Applicants to proceed with their commercial transaction.

On May 8, 2008, the Joint Applicants advised the Department that there were no objections to shortening the answer period or the underlying applications.

Under these circumstances, we have decided to grant the Joint Applicants' request for a shortened answer period in this case. Therefore, acting under authority assigned in 14 CFR 385.12, answers to the Joint Applicants request for a certificate transfer and a *pendente lite* exemption will now be due no later than 12:00 p.m. on May 9, 2008.

We will serve this notice by email or facsimile on all parties served with the request. We authorize answers to the application to be served by email or facsimile.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this notice under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within 10 days of the service date of this order.

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<sup>1</sup> Under the Department's regulations, answers to the exemption and transfer requests would be due on May 21, 2008, and May 27, 2008, respectively. (see 14 CFR § 302.307 and 14 CFR § 302.204)

This notice is effective immediately and the filing of a petition for review shall not alter its effectiveness.

By:

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