



**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**  
Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation

## NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

### DOCKET OST-97-3039

This serves as interim notice to the public of the action described below, taken orally by the Department official indicated; the confirming order or other decisional document will be issued as soon as possible.

Applicant: BALAIR/CTA LEISURE, LTD.

Date filed: October 22, 1997

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 USC section 41301 to permit the applicant to conduct: (1) charter operations, carrying persons, property and mail, between any point or points in Switzerland; via intermediate points and any point or points in the United States; and beyond; and (2) other charters pursuant to 14 CFR Part 212.

If renewal, date of last action(s): New authority.

Applicant representative(s): William Karas, 202-429-6223

Responsive pleadings: None.

### DISPOSITION

Action: Approved.

Action date: November 26, 1997

Effective date of authority granted: November 26, 1997, through November 29, 1999.

Basis for approval: United States-Switzerland Air Transport Agreement.

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of Appendix A.

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks: We find that the carrier is operationally and financially qualified to conduct the operations it proposes and that it is substantially owned and effectively controlled by citizens of Switzerland. In the conduct of these operations, the carrier must adhere to all applicable provisions of the U.S.-Switzerland Agreement. Moreover, in the conduct of the charter operations described in request (1) above, the carrier may, without prior Department approval, carry charter traffic between the United States and a third country point, provided that such traffic is carried on a flight that serves Switzerland for purposes of carrying traffic between the United States and Switzerland.

Action taken by Paul L. Gretch, Director, Office of International Aviation, under assigned authority (14 CFR 385) (Petitions for review may be filed from now until 10 days after the service date of the confirming order/letter. Filing of a petition shall not stay the effectiveness of this action.)

APPENDIX A

## CONDITIONS OF AUTHORITY

In the conduct of the operations authorized, the holder shall:

- (1) Not conduct any operations unless it holds a currently effective authorization from its homeland for such operations, and it has filed a copy of such authorization with the Department;
- (2) Comply with all applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration, including, but not limited to, 14 CFR Parts 129, 91, and 36;
- (3) Comply with the requirements for minimum insurance coverage contained in 14 CFR Part 205, and, prior to the commencement of any operations under this authority, file evidence of such coverage, in the form of a completed OST Form 6411, with the Federal Aviation Administration's Program Management Branch (AFS-260), Flight Standards Service (any changes to, or termination of, insurance also shall be filed with that office);
- (4) Not operate aircraft under this authority unless it complies with operational safety requirements at least equivalent to Annex 6 of the Chicago Convention;
- (5) Conform to the airworthiness and airman competency requirements of its Government for international air services;
- (6) Comply with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (7) Agree that operations under this authority constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity, for the purposes of 28 U.S.C. 1605(a), but only with respect to those actions or proceedings instituted against it in any court or other tribunal in the United States that are:
  - (a) based on its operations in international air transportation that, according to the contract of carriage, include a point in the United States as a point of origin, point of destination, or agreed stopping place, or for which the contract of carriage was purchased in the United States; or
  - (b) based on a claim under any international agreement or treaty cognizable in any court or other tribunal of the United States.

In this condition, the term "international air transportation" means "international transportation" as defined by the Warsaw Convention, except that all States shall be considered to be High Contracting Parties for the purpose of this definition;

- (8) Except as specifically authorized by the Department, originate or terminate all flights to/from the United States in its homeland;
- (9) Comply with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 217, concerning the reporting of scheduled, nonscheduled, and charter data;
- (10) If charter operations are authorized, comply with the Department's rules governing charters (including 14 CFR Parts 212 and 380); and
- (11) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department, with all applicable orders or regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

This authority shall not be effective during any period when the holder is not in compliance with the conditions imposed above. Moreover, this authority cannot be sold or otherwise transferred without explicit Department approval under Title 49 of the U.S. Code (formerly the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended).

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