



**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

DOCKET OST-97-3099

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 decision document will be issued as soon as possible.

Applicant: **Transnet Limited d/b/a South African Airways**

Date Filed: November 7, 1997

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Johannesburg/Cape Town and Tampa, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Raleigh/Durham, New Orleans, Cleveland, San Diego, Columbus, Jacksonville, San Juan and Buffalo, pursuant to a code-sharing arrangement with American Airlines, Inc., under which South African Airways will place its designator code on certain American flights between New York/Miami and these points.

Applicant representative: Anita Mosner 202-342-5200

Responsive pleadings: None

DISPOSITION

Action: **APPROVED**

Action date: **DECEMBER 8, 1997**

Effective dates of authority granted: **DECEMBER 8, 1997, thru DECEMBER 8, 1998**

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): U.S.-South Africa Air Transport Agreement

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

Standard exemption conditions (attached)

Special conditions/Remarks: Consistent with the terms of the U.S.-South Africa Agreement, South African Airways may conduct the authorized services only pursuant to a code-sharing arrangement with a U.S. airline. Code-share operations must comply with the rules for airline designator code-sharing set forth in 14 CFR 399.88 of the Department's regulations, and the further condition that the foreign air transportation in question be sold in the name of the carrier holding out the service whether in computer reservations systems or elsewhere and that the carrier selling such transportation (*i.e.*, the carrier shown on the ticket) accept all obligations established in its contract of carriage with the passenger (*i.e.*, the ticket).

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.)