



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

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

Docket OST-97-3166

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: **HEAVYLIFT-VOLGADNEPR LTD.**

Date Filed: November 26, 1997

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 U.S.C. 40109(g) to operate one one-way, emergency cabotage outsized cargo charter flight between Wilmington, OH, and Seattle, WA; using Russian-registered Antonov 124 aircraft, carrying a total of two GE90 engines and related components on behalf of General Electric Aircraft Engines (GE), on or about December 2, 1997, required at the Boeing Company for production of B777 aircraft.

Applicant representative: Lester Bridgeman (334) 432-1414

Responsive pleadings: Heavylift-VolgaDnepr served its application on those U.S. carriers operating large all-cargo aircraft. Each carrier indicated that it did not have aircraft available to conduct the proposed operations, and that it had no comment or did not oppose grant of the requested authority to Heavylift-VolgaDnepr.

DISPOSITION

Action: **APPROVED**

Action date: **DECEMBER 1, 1997**

Effective dates of authority granted: **DECEMBER 2-5, 1997**

Basis for approval: We found that our action was consistent with all the relevant criteria of 49 U.S.C. 40109(g) for the grant of an exemption of this type, and that the grant of this authority was required in the public interest. Moreover, based on the representations of the U.S. carriers, we concluded that no U.S. carrier had aircraft available which could be used to conduct the operation at issue here. We also found that grant of this authority would prevent unreasonable hardship to GE and Boeing.

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

Standard exemption conditions (attached)

The applicant shall comply with an FAA-approved flight routing for the authorized flights.

Action taken by: Charles A. Hunnicutt
Assistant Secretary for Aviation and
International Affairs