



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on August 6, 1999

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 97-2616

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applicant: **Aerochago, S.A.**

Date Filed: July 7, 1999

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301 to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between the Dominican Republic and Miami, Florida; New York, New York; and Puerto Rico; and to perform cargo charters in accordance with Part 212 of the Department's rules. The applicant would conduct these services only by wet leasing aircraft from a duly authorized and properly supervised U.S. or foreign air carrier.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: July 29, 1998, in this docket

Applicant representative: Alex Suarez (305) 372-2877

Responsive pleadings: None filed

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved

Action date: August 6, 1999

Effective dates of authority granted: August 6, 1999-August 6, 2000

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): July 22, 1986 bilateral aviation agreement between the United States and Dominican Republic (in force provisionally).

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

X Standard exemption conditions (attached)

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks: The authority granted above is limited to operations conducted under wet-lease arrangement with a duly authorized and properly supervised U.S. or foreign air carrier. Aerochago may not conduct U.S. operations with its own aircraft and crews without further order of the Department.¹

**Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation**

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) the applicant was qualified to perform the proposed operations; (2) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (3) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (4) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR § 385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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<http://dms.dot.gov/general/orders/aviation.html>.*

¹ The Dominican Republic is currently a Category 3 country under the FAA's International Aviation Safety Assessment Program.