



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on **March 1, 2000**

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN – DOCKET OST-00-6911

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).

Application of SUN COUNTRY AIRLINES, INC., filed 2/10/00 for:

XX Exemption for two years under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following services:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between (1) the terminal point Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, on the one hand, and the coterminal points Cancun, Cozumel, San Jose del Cabo, Puerto Vallarta, and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, Mexico, on the other hand; (2) the terminal point Detroit, Michigan, and the terminal point Cancun, Mexico; (3) the terminal point Houston, Texas, on the one hand, and the coterminal points Cancun, Cozumel, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on the other hand; (4) the terminal point San Antonio, Texas, on the one hand, and the coterminal points Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico, on the other hand; and (5) the terminal point Austin, Texas, on the one hand, and the coterminal points Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico, on the other hand.¹ Sun Country also requests route integration authority to integrate these services with existing services provided by Sun Country pursuant to exemption and/or certificate authority.

Applicant rep: Dennis N. Barnes (202) 467-7060 DOT Analyst: Linda L. Lundell (202) 366-2336

DISPOSITION

XX **Granted, subject to conditions (see below)**

The above action was effective when taken: March 1, 2000, through March 1, 2002, or until 90 days after final Department action on a corresponding certificate application, whichever occurs earlier.

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

XX **The authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and Mexico.**

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

- XX** **Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity**
- XX** **Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)**

(see next page)

¹ Sun Country proposes to provide seasonal services in the Dallas/Ft. Worth-San Jose del Cabo/Puerto Vallarta/Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, Houston-Cozumel/Puerto Vallarta, San Antonio-Cozumel, and Austin-Cancun/Cozumel markets, and year-round services in the remaining markets.

Conditions: The U.S.-Mexico exemption authority granted is subject to the dormancy notice requirements set forth in condition 7 of Appendix A of Order 88-10-2. Consistent with our standard practice, the dormancy notice period will begin on May 22, 2000, Sun Country's proposed startup date for the subject U.S.-Mexico service.

The route integration authority granted is subject to the condition that any service provided under this exemption shall be consistent with all applicable agreements between the United States and the foreign countries involved. Furthermore, (a) nothing in the award of the route integration authority requested should be construed as conferring upon Sun Country rights (including fifth-freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights), to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless Sun Country notifies the Department of its intent to serve such a market and unless and until the Department has completed any necessary carrier selection procedures to determine which carrier(s) should be authorized to exercise such rights; and (b) should there be a request by any carrier to use the limited-entry route rights that are included in Sun Country's authority by virtue of the route integration exemption granted here, but that are not then being used by Sun Country, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for Sun Country in a comparative carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority at issue.

On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(n) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the exemption was consistent with the public interest; and (3) 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, 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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U.S. CARRIER
Standard Exemption Conditions

In the conduct of operations authorized by the attached notice, the applicant(s) shall:

- (1) Hold at all times effective operating authority from the government of each country served;
- (2) Comply with applicable requirements concerning oversales contained in 14 CFR 250 (for scheduled operations, if authorized);
- (3) Comply with the requirements for reporting data contained in 14 CFR 241;
- (4) Comply with requirements for minimum insurance coverage, and for certifying that coverage to the Department, contained in 14 CFR 205;
- (5) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with the applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations, including all FAA requirements concerning security; and
- (7) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department of Transportation, with all applicable orders and regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

The authority granted shall be effective only during the period when the holder is in compliance with the conditions imposed above.