



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, DC

Issued by the Department of Transportation on December 4, 2000

**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-97-2653**

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 **Delta Air Lines, Inc.** filed **11/09/2000** to:

**XX** Renew exemption under 49 U.S.C. §40109 to provide the following service:

**Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between Los Angeles, California, and Guangzhou, China. Delta plans to operate this service under a code-share arrangement with China Southern Airlines.<sup>1</sup> Delta further requests renewal of its authority to combine service on this route with all other existing certificates and exemptions granted to Delta by the Department, to the extent permitted by international agreements.**

No answers to the application were filed.

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**DISPOSITION**

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

The above action was effective when taken: **December 4, 2000**, through **December 4, 2002**.

**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 the People's Republic of China.

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

**XX** Holder's certificates of public convenience and necessity

**XX** Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)

**XX** Statement of Authorization approving Delta and China Southern code-share operations dated January 21, 1999, and conditions therein.

**Conditions:** The route integration authority granted is subject to the condition that such operations are consistent with the applicable bilateral aviation agreements; and *provided further*, that (a) nothing in the award of the route integration authority requested should be construed as conferring upon Delta additional rights (including fifth-freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights) to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless Delta first 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 Delta's authority

<sup>1</sup>On January 21, 1999, the Department granted for an indefinite duration a joint application of Delta and China Southern in this docket for a Statement of Authorization to conduct the code-share services at issue here. Specifically, China Southern displays Delta's code on flights operated by China Southern between Los Angeles and Guangzhou.

by virtue of the route integration authority granted here, but not being used, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for Delta in a competitive carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority at issue.

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On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(g) 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) our action 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.

*An electronic version of this order is available on the World Wide Web at  
[http://dms.dot.gov/reports/reports\\_aviation.asp](http://dms.dot.gov/reports/reports_aviation.asp)*

**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 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.