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

**DEPARTMENT ACTION ON APPLICATION
IN DOCKET OST-99-6556-14¹**

(Joint Application of Delta Air Lines, Comair and South African Airways
filed August 22, 2001) 1

Approved under assigned authority (14 CFR §385.13).

Date of Action: August 27, 2001

for Gerald Caolo
Director, Office of International Aviation

This action is subject to the conditions attached. Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this action under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, should file their petitions within ten days of the date of this action. This action is effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter its effectiveness.

¹ The Department recently granted similar code-share authority to Delta Air Lines, Atlantic Southeast Airlines and South African Airways. See Notice of Action Taken dated July 25, 2001, in this docket.

**Joint Application of Delta Air Lines, Comair and South African Airways for an amended
Statement of Authorization to display South African Airways' code on certain Comair
domestic flights for the carriage of South African Airways' transatlantic traffic,
filed August 22, 2001, Docket OST-99-6556**

The authority granted is subject to the following conditions:

(a) The statement of authorization will remain in effect only as long as (i) Delta Air Lines, Comair and South African Airways continue to hold the necessary underlying authority to operate the code-share services at issue, and (ii) the code-share agreement providing for the code-share operations remains in effect.

(b) Delta Air Lines, Comair and/or South African Airways must promptly notify the Department (Office of International Aviation) if the code-share agreement providing for the code-share operations is no longer effective or the carriers decide to cease operating any or all of the approved code-share services.² Such notice should be filed in Docket OST-99-6556)

(c) The code-sharing operations conducted under this authority must comply with 14 CFR Part 257 and with any amendments to the Department's regulations concerning code-share arrangements that may be adopted. Notwithstanding any provisions in the contract between the carriers, our approval here is expressly conditioned upon the requirements that the subject foreign air transportation be sold in the name of the carrier holding out such service in computer reservation systems and elsewhere; that the carrier selling such transportation (*i.e.* the carrier shown on the ticket) accept responsibility for the entirety of the code share journey for all obligations established in its contract of carriage with the passenger; and that the passenger liability of the operating carrier be unaffected.

(d) The authority granted here is specifically conditioned so that Delta Air Lines, Comair or South African Airways shall not give any force or effect to any contractual provisions between themselves that are contrary to these conditions.

We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted at any time without hearing at our discretion.

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² We expect this notification to be received within ten (10) days after such non-effectiveness or of such decision.