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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2001-11101-- 3

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).

Joint Applicants: AEROLITORAL, S.A. de C.V. and AEROVIAS de MEXICO, S.A. de C.V.

Date Filed: December 4, 2001

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 USC section 41301 to permit Aerolitoral to conduct, using small equipment (see below) scheduled, combination service between Hermosillo Mexico, and the U.S. coterminal points Los Angeles/Ontario, California; and a Statement of Authorization under 14 CFR Part 212 to permit Aerolitoral to carry Aeromexico's designator code on these flights (both markets) and to carry Delta Airlines' designator code on flights between Hermosillo and Los Angeles.

Applicants' representative: William C. Evans, 202-371-6030

If renewal, date and citation of last action: New authority.

Responsive pleadings: None.

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved.

Action date: January 4, 2002

Effective dates of authority granted: The Exemption authority is effective through January 4, 2003, and the Statement of Authorization is effective for an indefinite duration.

Basis for approval: United States-Mexico Air Transport Services Agreement.

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

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks: In the conduct of these operations, Aerolitoral may use aircraft capable of carrying no more than 60 passengers and having a maximum payload capacity of no more than 18,000 pounds. In addition – a) The subject air carriers (Aerolitoral, Aeromexico and Delta) must promptly notify the Department (Office of International Aviation) if the code-share agreements under which these code-share services are operated are no longer in effect, or if the carriers decide to cease operating all or any portion of the approved code-share services. (We expect this notification to be received within ten days of such non-effectiveness or of such decision. This notice should be filed in Docket OST-2001-11101.) b) 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 subject air 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 the service in computer reservation systems and elsewhere; that the carrier selling such transportation (that is, 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. c) The authority granted here is specifically conditioned so that the subject air carriers shall not give any force or effect to any contractual provisions between themselves that are contrary to these conditions.

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) our action was consistent with Department policy; (2) the applicant was qualified to perform its proposed operations; (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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