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Application of)
ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES ENTERPRISE)
for an Amendment of Exemption Authority)
pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §40109(c))
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Docket No. OST-98-4345 - 2

SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION

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Ethiopian Airlines Enterprise (hereinafter “Ethiopian Airlines”) hereby submits this Supplement to its Application for an Amendment of Exemption Authority to permit Ethiopian Airlines to provide foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Newark and Washington, D.C. via Rome.

This Supplement consists of a letter by the Director of the Aviation Department for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in support of Ethiopian Airlines’ proposed service.

WHEREFORE, Ethiopian Airlines respectfully requests that the Department supplement the Application for an Amendment of Exemption Authority with the attached letter of support.

Dated: September 3, 1998

Respectfully submitted,



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Honorable Rodney E. Slater
Secretary of Transportation
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**Re: Ethiopian Airlines, Amendment of Exemption Authority
Docket No. OST-98-4345**

Dear Secretary Slater:

On behalf of The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, I am writing to urge you to grant the Amendment of Exemption Authority requested by Ethiopian Airlines to permit additional scheduled foreign air service between Addis Ababa, via Rome, to Newark International Airport, extending their current authority to serve Washington Dulles.

Granting this exemption authority would permit Newark Airport to be directly linked, for the first time, with a country in Africa. Ethiopian Airlines has a significant route network in Africa which will provide Newark Airport air passengers with the potential to reach 26 points in Africa, beyond Addis Ababa. Conversely, Ethiopian Airlines passengers will have the opportunity to reach 64 U. S. points, through non-stop jet service from Newark Airport, on other airlines. Passengers on Ethiopian Airlines wishing to transfer to other domestic points will be able to easily and quickly make their connections through the intra-terminal monorail.

Although international service at Newark Airport has been growing rapidly, Newark currently lacks service to the vast continent of Africa. Ethiopian's service would provide the first such service and create the opportunity for further distribution within the continent.

The ability to serve the New York region will, we believe, further the viability of Ethiopian Airlines service by adding the business and tourism travel potential to the existing "visiting family and relatives" traffic. New York region's Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sectors account for one out of two private sector jobs in the metropolitan area which is comprised of the 17 counties in the tri-state region. Since these industries generate relatively more business travel than other sectors in the economy, we expect that trip generation between Africa and Newark should be significant.

Honorable Rodney E. Slater
Secretary of Transportation

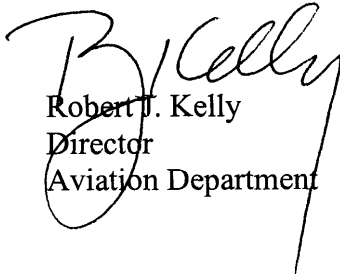
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We believe that there exist great opportunities to build upon the cultural, business and tourism ties that link our region with the African continent. By granting Ethiopian Airlines the exemption authority to serve Newark, DOT will help ensure the viability of the service. Consequently, the granting of the exemption is clearly in accord with the Administration's Africa Initiative.

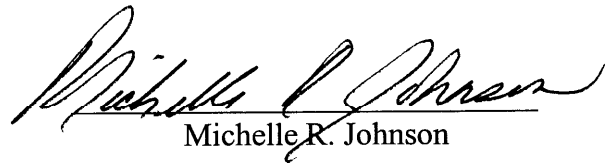
Thank you for the consideration you have given to our letter.

Sincerely,


Robert T. Kelly
Director
Aviation Department

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Supplement to Application of Ethiopian Airlines Enterprise for an Amendment of Exemption Authority was served by first class mail, postage pre-paid this 19th day of August, 1998 upon the persons on the attached Service List.


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