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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109(c), and subpart D of the Department's Rules of Practice, 14 C. F. R. §§ 302.400 et seq., Aeromexpress, S .A. de C.V.

("Aeromexpress") requests renewal of the exemption authority granted by Notice of Action Taken in Docket OST-97-2238, dated May 12, 1997, confirmed in Order 97-5-20, and last renewed by Notice of Action Taken, dated June 2, 1998, permitting it to provide scheduled, all-cargo foreign air transportation between: (1) Mexico City, Mexico and the coterminal points Detroit, Michigan, Los Angeles, California, and Miami, Florida; and (2) Merida, Mexico and Miami, Florida. The exemption is scheduled to expire on June 2, 1999. Aeromexpress requests that this exemption be renewed for an additional period of one year. By this application, Aeromexpress intends to invoke the automatic extension provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 558(c) and Part 377 of the Department's Special Regulations. In support of this request, Aeromexpress states as follows:

1. Aeromexpress is a flag carrier of the United Mexican States and currently holds exemption authority which authorizes scheduled, all-cargo service between Mexico and numerous points in the United States. Pursuant to this exemption authority, Aeromexpress provides extensive service between Mexico and the United States.

2. By Notice of Action Taken in Docket OST-97-2238, dated May 12, 1997, and confirmed in Order 97-5-20, the Department granted Aeromexpress an exemption to engage in scheduled, all-cargo foreign air transportation between:

(1) Mexico City and the coterminal points Detroit, Los Angeles, and Miami, and
(2) Merida and Miami. This authority is set to expire June 2, 1999. Aeromexpress currently is offering scheduled, all-cargo service in the Mexico City-Los Angeles, Mexico City-Miami, and Merida-Miami markets and the service has been well received by shippers. While Aeromexpress presently is not providing service in the Mexico City-Detroit market, it anticipates initiating such service as soon as shipper demand warrants. Consequently, Aeromexpress seeks to renew its authority to serve all of these markets for another year.

3. Under the U. S . -Mexico air transport agreement, a carrier designated by Mexico is permitted to operate in the markets listed above. Aeromexpress has been designated by the Government of Mexico to serve the routes in Notes dated December 18, 1991 and May 11, 1994. Those designations continue in effect. Aeromexpress also has been authorized by the Mexican DGAC to serve these markets.

4. Under 49 U.S.C. § 40109, the Department may renew an exemption if it finds that such is consistent with the public interest. It is clear that the designation of a carrier by its homeland government pursuant to a bilateral agreement is the most significant factor in determining whether grant of an application is in the public interest. For example, in Linea Aerea Nacional de Chile, Foreign Permit, 26 C.A.B. 604 (1958), the Civil Aeronautics Board stated as follows:

Where, as here, the applicant has shown that it holds the appropriate designation under an effective bilateral agreement to operate the route embraced by the application, the applicant has presented highly significant evidence bearing on the public Interest.

See also Application of Aerovias Venezolanas S.A., Order 86-8-88 at 3 (provision for authority in a bilateral is prima facie evidence that grant thereof is in the public interest) ; and Aerolineas Peruanas Foreign Permit, 3 1 C. A. B. 18 1 (1960). The same findings are warranted here, where Aeromexpress is a designated carrier for the routes to be served.

5. Given the fact that under the bilateral Aeromexpress has been designated for the authority requested herein and the fact that the exemption will only be effective for one year, this renewal request is limited in scope and should be noncontroversial. Moreover, grant of the exemption is warranted because of the significant service benefits to shippers Aeromexpress is able to provide in these markets.

WHEREFORE, Aeromexpress respectfully requests that the Department grant renewal of the exemption sought herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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