

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC23 ME–TC3 0209, dated 17 September 2004, Middle East-South Asian Subcontinent Expedited Resolution 002z, for intended effective date 15 January 2005 r1; PTC23 ME–TC3 0210, dated 17 September 2004, Middle East-Japan, Korea Expedited Resolution 002qq, for intended effective date 15 January 2005 r2; PTC23 ME–TC3 0211, dated 17 September 2004, Middle East-Japan, Korea Expedited Resolution 085b, for intended effective date 31 March 2005 r3; Intended effective date: 15 January 2005, 31 March 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending September 24, 2004

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST–2004–19077–20.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc., requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the United States and the People's Republic of China. Delta also requests an allocation of seven (7) U.S.-China combination frequencies to fund its Atlanta-Beijing service.

Docket Number: OST–2004–19077–21.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of North American Airlines, Inc., requesting a temporary, experimental certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the United States and the People's Republic of China, and allocation of seven weekly U.S. carrier combination frequencies to become effective March 25, 2005, and an additional seven frequencies to become effective March 2006.

Docket Number: OST–2004–19077–22.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of Hawaiian Airlines, Inc. requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail to and from the United States and the People's Republic of China and frequencies (four per week) designating Hawaiian to the People's Republic of China to operate combination service between Honolulu, HI on the one hand and Shanghai, People's Republic of China on the other and points behind the gateway (Honolulu) in the United States, commencing service in 2006.

Docket Number: OST–2004–19077–26

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of World Airways, Inc. ("World"), requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail from a point or points in the United States, via intermediate points to a point or points in the People's Republic of China and beyond. World seeks the designation available for all-cargo services under the U.S.-China Air Transport Services agreement as of March 25, 2006.

Docket Number: OST–2004–19077–27.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of American Airlines, Inc., requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in scheduled foreign air

transportation of persons, property, and mail between points in the United States, on the one hand, and Shanghai, Guangzhou, Beijing, and two additional points in the People's Republic of China, on the other hand, either nonstop or via intermediate points. American Airlines, Inc. also requests an allocation of seven weekly U.S.-China combination frequencies. Finally, American Airlines, Inc. requests route integration with its other certifications and exemptions to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail.

Docket Number: OST–2004–19077–28.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of Tradewinds Airlines, Inc. requesting (1) Issuance of certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail from a point in the United States, via intermediate points, to a point or points in the People's Republic of China open to scheduled international operations, and beyond; and (2) allocation of twelve (12) weekly all-cargo frequencies that become available March 25, 2006.

Docket Number: OST–2004–19077–29.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of Evergreen International Airlines, Inc. requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between a point or points in the United States, via intermediate points, and the co-terminal points of Beijing and Shanghai, China. Evergreen also seeks authority to integrate this authority with its existing certificate and exemption authority and to commingle traffic consistent with applicable aviation agreements. Further, Evergreen seeks the new designation to China available March 25, 2006 along with an allocation of seven weekly round trip frequencies available beginning on March 25, 2006.

Docket Number: OST–2004–19077–30.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of Gemini Air Cargo, Inc. requesting a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate scheduled foreign air transportation of

property and mail from a point or points in the United States, via intermediate points, to a point or points in the People's Republic of China open to scheduled international operations, and beyond. Gemini also seeks designation as the next U.S. scheduled all-cargo carrier to China and asks the Department to allocate to Gemini the twelve all-cargo frequencies that will be available on March 25, 2006.

Docket Number: OST-2004-19077-31.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of Continental Airlines, Inc. requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Continental to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between New York/Newark and Beijing and Shanghai, an allocation of seven weekly U.S.-China frequencies in 2005 and seven additional frequencies in 2006 and authority to integrate this authority with Continental's other certificate and exemption authority and to grant such other relief as the public interest may require.

Docket Number: OST-2004-19077-32.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: N/A.

Description: Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc. requesting: (1) An allocation of eight of the twelve all-cargo frequencies available to designated U.S. carriers effective March 25, 2006 under the recently amended aviation agreement between the United States and People's Republic of China (PRC); (2) a temporary, experimental certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Northwest to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between a point or points in the United States, via any intermediate points, to a point or points in China open to scheduled international operations, and beyond to any points outside of China, with full traffic rights; and (3) authority to integrate Northwest's existing exemption and certificate authority with the new certificate authority sought herein.

Docket Number: OST-2004-19189-1.

Date Filed: September 22, 2004.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: October 13, 2004.

Description: Application of Centurion Air Cargo, Inc. requesting a certificate of

public convenience and necessity, and to the extent necessary, designations, authorizing Centurion to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail to and from the sixty-four countries listed herein that have concluded "open skies" aviation agreements or "open skies" all-cargo scheduled service amendments with the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

New Special Experimental Project (SEP-15) To Explore Alternative and Innovative Approaches to the Overall Project Development Process; Information

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is establishing a new Special Experimental Project (SEP-15) to encourage tests and experimentation in the entire development process for transportation projects. SEP-15 is aimed specifically at increased project management flexibility, more innovation, improved efficiency, timely project implementation, and new revenue streams. The FHWA plans to use the lessons learned from SEP-15 to develop more effective approaches to project planning, project development, finance, design, construction, maintenance, and operations.

DATES: This new experimental project is being initiated on October 6, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Division Offices: A complete list of contact information for the FHWA Division Offices may be found at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/keyfield/famc.htm>. *Headquarters:* Mr. Dwight Horne, Office of Program Administration (HIPA), (202) 366-0494 or Mr. L. Harold Aikens, Jr., Office of the Chief Counsel (HCC-30), (202) 366-0791, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.s.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Background

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has long encouraged increased private sector participation in the project development, finance, design, construction, maintenance, and operations of highways and bridges. The private sector has expertise often not available to the public sector that can bring innovation, flexibility, and efficiencies to certain types of projects.

For some time, FHWA has conducted tests in the area of contracting practices under Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14)¹. Many of these practices have facilitated greater private sector investment. Since its inception in 1990, SEP-14 has been successful in advancing over 300 projects, and due to SEP-14, a number of contracting practices previously considered experimental have become a regular part of the highway program, such as design-build, cost-plus-time bidding, lane rental, and the use warranties.

The FHWA has also encouraged innovations in the area of transportation financing. In 1994, Executive Order 12893, Principles for Federal Infrastructure Investment, established more cost-effective infrastructure investment as a priority for all Federal agencies. This Executive Order prompted more systematic analyses of the costs and benefits of proposed infrastructure investments, efficient management of infrastructure, greater private sector investment in infrastructure, and encouragement of more effective State and local programs. In response to that Executive Order, the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) and the FHWA undertook a major initiative in 1994 to promote and facilitate infrastructure investment.

This initiative was launched with the introduction of an experimental "Test and Evaluation" program, designated as TE-045, to solicit ideas from the States on a range of new financial strategies designed to stretch limited transportation dollars by creating new,

¹ SEP-14 was initiated on February 13, 1990, as a result of recommendations from a Transportation Research Board (TRB) task force formed to explore innovative contracting practices. The memorandum initiating the SEP-14 program can be found at the following URL: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/021390.htm>.