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scope of the exemption, will be dismissed by operation of law. No new filings or applications will be permitted after the date of effectiveness of the Assistant Secretary's notice except as provided under § 293.12.

**PART 294—CANADIAN CHARTER AIR TAXI OPERATORS**

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**Subpart A—General**

**§ 294.1 Applicability and purpose.**

This part establishes a classification of foreign air carriers known as “Canadian charter air taxi operators,” and establishes registration procedures for these carriers operating or seeking to operate transborder services between Canada and the United States. This part also exempts Canadian charter air taxi operators from certain provisions of the Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code (Transportation), and establishes rules applicable to their operations in the United States. This part does not provide exemption from the safety regulatory provisions of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII that are administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Canadian charter air taxi operators in the conduct of their operations must observe all applicable safety standards and requirements.

[ER-1257, 46 FR 52591, Oct. 27, 1981, as amended at 60 FR 43526, Aug. 22, 1995]

**§ 294.2 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

(a) *Agreement* means the *Air Transport Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada*, signed at Ottawa, February 24, 1995, with Annexes and any amendments, supplements, reservations, or supersessions to it.

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(b) *Canadian charter air taxi operator* means a foreign air carrier that is substantially owned and effectively controlled by Canadian citizens, the Government of Canada, or both, whose foreign air transportation operations are limited to charter air service between points in Canada and points in the United States, and that does not use large aircraft in those operations.

(c) *Charter air service* means non-scheduled commercial air transportation of persons and their accompanied baggage, and of property, on a time, mileage, or trip basis where the entire planeload capacity of one or more aircraft has been engaged, or the transportation of mail by aircraft.

(d) *Large aircraft* means any aircraft that are not *small aircraft* as defined in this section.

(e) *Maximum authorized takeoff weight* has the meaning assigned to it in regulations of the Canadian Transport Commission.

(f) *Maximum certificated takeoff weight* means the maximum takeoff weight authorized by the terms of the aircraft airworthiness certificate. This weight may be found in the airplane operating record or in the airplane flight manual that is incorporated by regulation into the airworthiness certificate.

(g) *Maximum passenger capacity* means the maximum number of passenger seats for which an aircraft is configured.

(h) *Maximum payload capacity* means the maximum certificated takeoff weight of an aircraft less the empty weight as defined in section 03 of part 241 of this chapter, less all justifiable aircraft equipment, and less the operating load (consisting of minimum fuel load, oil, flight crew, steward's supplies, etc.). For purposes of this part, the allowance for weight of the crew, oil and fuel is as follows:

(1) Crew—200 pounds per crew member required under FAA regulations in 14 CFR chapter I, (2) oil—350 pounds, (3) fuel—the minimum weight of fuel required under FAA regulations in 14 CFR chapter I for a flight between domestic points 200 miles apart, assuming VFR weather conditions and flights not involving extended overwater operations. However, in the case of aircraft for which a maximum zero fuel weight

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is prescribed by the FAA, maximum payload capacity means the maximum zero fuel weight less the empty weight, less all justifiable aircraft equipment, and less the operating load (consisting of minimum flight crew, steward's supplies, etc., but not including disposable fuel or oil).

(2) [Reserved]

(i) *Small aircraft* means any aircraft designed to have:

(1) A maximum passenger capacity of not more than 30 seats and a maximum payload capacity of not more than 7,500 pounds, and/or

(2) maximum authorized takeoff weight on wheels not greater than 35,000 pounds.

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### § 294.3 General requirements for Canadian charter air taxi operators.

A Canadian charter air taxi operator shall conduct charter air service between the United States and Canada only if it:

(a) Has been registered by the Department under this part;

(b) Does not directly or indirectly utilize large aircraft in charter air services;

(c) Has and maintains in effect liability insurance coverage that complies with the requirements set forth in subpart E of this part and has and maintains a current certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage on file with the Department;

(d) Has and maintains in effect and on file with the Department a signed counterpart of Agreement 18900 (OST Form 4523) and complies with all other requirements of part 203 of this chapter;

(e) Has effective authority from the Government of Canada to conduct charter air service between the United States and Canada.

(f) Has been granted Federal Aviation Administration operations specifications required under part 129 of this title (the Federal Aviation Regulations);

(g) Is substantially owned and effectively controlled by Canadian citizens,

or the Government of Canada, or a combination of both; and

(h) Complies with the terms, conditions, and limitations of this part.

(The reporting requirements contained in paragraph (d) were approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 3024-0064)

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### Subpart B—Exemption

#### § 294.10 Exemption authority.

Canadian charter air taxi operators registered under this part are exempt from the following provisions of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII to the extent necessary to perform charter air service between the United States and Canada, and as long as they comply with the terms, conditions, and limitations of this part:

- (a) Section 41302 (permits).
- (b) Section 41501 (carrier's duty to observe reasonable rates).
- (c) Section 41310 (discrimination).
- (d) Section 41313 (aviation disaster family assistance plans for foreign air carriers).

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### Subpart C—Registration for Exemption

#### § 294.20 Applying for registration.

To apply for registration under this part, a Canadian charter air taxi operator shall file with the Department's Office of International Aviation, U.S. Air Carrier Licensing/Special Authorities Division, the following:

- (a) A currently effective certificate of insurance (see § 294.40); and
- (b) Three copies of OST Forms 4523 and 4505, which may be obtained from the Department's Office of International Aviation, U.S. Air Carrier Licensing/Special Authorities Division. All the information required by OST Form 4505 shall be filled in, and it shall be certified by a responsible officer of

the applicant Canadian charter air taxi operator.

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#### § 294.21 Procedure on receipt of registration form.

(a) The Department will list the names and addresses of all persons applying for registration under this part in its Weekly Summary of Filings.

(b) Any person objecting to the registration of a Canadian charter air taxi operator shall file an objection with the Office of International Aviation, U.S. Air Carrier Licensing/Special Authorities Division, and serve a copy on the applicant within 28 days after the Department receives the properly completed registration application. Objections shall include any facts and arguments upon which they are based.

(c) Any answers to objections shall be filed within 14 days after the date that the objections were due.

(d) After receipt of OST Form 4505, the Department may request additional information.

(e) After the period for objections and answers has expired, the Department will take one of the following actions:

(1) Issue the registration by stamping its effective date on OST Form 4505 and sending a copy of it to the carrier.

(2) Reject the application for failure to comply with this part;

(3) Issue the registration subject to such terms, conditions, or limitations as may be consistent with the public interest; or

(4) Institute evidentiary proceedings to consider whether the registration should be issued.

(f) An action described in paragraph (e) of this section will normally be taken within 60 days after the registration application is received. The Department will consider requests for faster action that include a full explanation of the need for expedited action.

(g) A registration shall not be issued until the Department receives evidence

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that the applicant has effective authority issued by the Government of Canada. The applicant must provide copies of its Air Carrier Operating certificate and non-scheduled international license issued by the Government of Canada.

(h) Rejection of an application for registration will not preclude the filing of a new application by the same carrier.

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### **§ 294.22 Notification to the Department of change in operations or identifying information.**

Registrants shall refile a copy of OST Form 4505 with the Department's Office of International Aviation, U.S. Air Carrier Licensing/Special Authorities Division, upon any of the following events. The refiling shall be sent by electronic mail, or other means, so as to be received by the Department not later than 30 days after the reported event has occurred.

(a) The carrier changes its name. When a carrier refiles OST Form 4505 to indicate a change of name:

(1) A registration ceases to be in effect unless the Government of Canada amends the registrant's Air Carrier Operating Certificate to reflect the registrant's new name within 60 days of the name change and the registrant submits to the Department a copy of its amended Canadian authority.

(2) The registrant must also refile three copies of Agreement 18900 (OST Form 4523) under its new name;

(3) The registrant must also refile its certificate of insurance under its new name; and

(4) The registrant must also advise the appropriate FAA office referred to in § 294.33 of the carrier's new name.

(b) The carrier changes its designated agent.

(c) A change occurs in the carrier's ownership and control resulting in a person acquiring a beneficial or voting interest in the registrant of 10 percent or more. The name(s), address(es), citizenship(s), and percentages of ownership of the new owners shall be indicated on the form. Acquisition of own-

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ership interest by persons who are not citizens of the country of citizenship of the registrant may invalidate the registration.

(d) The carrier temporarily or permanently ceases operations.

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### **Subpart D—General Rules for Registrants**

#### **§ 294.30 Scope of service and equipment authorized.**

(a) Upon fulfillment of the requirements of § 294.3 of this part, the registrant will have Department authority to engage in charter air services between any point or points in Canada and any point or points in the United States using small aircraft.

(b) Nothing in this part shall be construed as authorizing the operation of large aircraft in charter air service, and the exemption provided by this part to Canadian charter air taxi operators that register with the Department extends only to the direct operations of charter air service in accordance with the limitations and conditions of this part using aircraft designed to have:

(1) A maximum passenger capacity of no more than 30 seats and a maximum payload capacity of no more than 7,500 pounds, and/or

(2) A maximum authorized takeoff weight on wheels not greater than 35,000 pounds.

(c) A Canadian charter air taxi operator shall not use large aircraft for charter air service until it has been granted a permit by the Department under section 41302 of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII or granted an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII. Its application for such a permit or exemption should refer to the registration under this part. Registration under this part will be canceled when a section 41302 permit has been granted

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by the Department for the use of large aircraft in foreign charter air service.

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### § 294.31 Use of business name.

(a) A Canadian charter air taxi operator, in holding out charter air service to the public and performing its charter operations, shall do so only in the names in which its registration is issued under this part. The Department may require a Canadian charter air taxi operator to change such names where they appear to be inconsistent with the public interest.

(b) [Reserved]

### § 294.32 Security arrangements for operating Public Charters.

When a Canadian charter air taxi operator performs a Public Charter under part 380 of this chapter, either:

(a) The Canadian charter air taxi operator shall meet the bonding or escrow requirements applicable to foreign air carriers as set forth in § 212.8 of this chapter.

(b) The Canadian charter air taxi operator shall ensure that it does not receive any payments for the charter until after the charter has been completed. In this case, its contracts with the charter operator and the charter operator's depository bank, if any, shall state that the charter operator or bank, as applicable, shall retain control of and responsibility for all participant funds intended for payment for charter air service until after the charter has been completed, notwithstanding any provision of part 380.

[ER-1257, 46 FR 52591, Oct. 27, 1981, as amended by Doc. No. 2006-25691, 71 FR 49347, Aug. 23, 2006]

### § 294.33 Compliance with the regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration.

(a) Registrants under this part shall obtain FAA operations specifications required under part 129 or other applicable rules of this title (the Federal Aviation Regulations) prior to beginning operations into the United States. Registrants should write to the FAA office at one of the following addresses

to obtain instructions on how to apply for FAA authority.

(b) If the registrant's business address is located on or east of 76 degrees West Longitude (in or east of Ottawa, Ontario) it should write to: Federal Aviation Administration, General Aviation District Office No. 1, Albany County Airport, Albany, New York 12211.

(c) If the registrant's business address is located on or east of 100 degrees West Longitude (in or east of Winnipeg, Manitoba) and west of 76 degrees West Longitude (west of, but not including, Ottawa, Ontario) it should write to: Federal Aviation Administration, Flight Standards District Office, 1 Airport Way, Rochester, New York 14624.

(d) If the registrant's business address is west of Winnipeg, Manitoba, it should write to: Federal Aviation Administration, General Aviation District Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055.

[ER-1257, 46 FR 52591, Oct. 27, 1981, as amended by Doc. No. 47939, 57 FR 40102, Sept. 2, 1992]

### § 294.34 Advance approval by the Department.

The Department, by order or regulation and without hearing, may require advance approval of individual charter trips conducted by the registrant under the authority granted by this part, if it finds such action to be consistent with the public interest.

## Subpart E—Insurance Requirements

### § 294.40 Aircraft accident liability insurance requirements.

No Canadian charter air taxi operator shall engage in charter air service unless such carrier has and maintains in effect aircraft accident liability coverage that meets the requirements of part 205 of this chapter. Evidence of such insurance coverage, in the form of a certificate of insurance, as required in part 205 of this chapter, shall be

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maintained on file with the Department's Office of International Aviation, U.S. Air Carrier Licensing/Special Authorities Division, at all times.

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## Subpart F—Cancellation of Registration and Presidential Review

### § 294.50 Cancellation, revocation, or suspension of registration.

The registration of a carrier subject to this part may be revoked, canceled, suspended, modified, or otherwise subjected to additional terms and conditions by the Department if:

(a) The carrier files with the Department a written notice that it is discontinuing operations;

(b) The carrier is the holder of a section 41302 permit to perform large aircraft charters under the Agreement;

(c) Substantial ownership or effective control is acquired by persons who are not (1) citizens of Canada, (2) the Government of Canada, or (3) a combination of both;

(d) The Government of Canada terminates or suspends authority it granted to the registrant to conduct charter air service between the United States and Canada.

(e) The Agreement between the two countries is terminated;

(f) The registrant fails to have proper insurance coverage, or fails to file or keep a current insurance certificate on file with the Department;

(g) The registrant fails to comply with the terms, conditions, or limitations of this part;

(h) The carrier's operations specifications issued by the FAA are suspended or terminated;

(i) The Department finds that it is in the public interest to do so.

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### § 294.51 Presidential review.

A Department order under § 294.50 (e), (g) or (i) shall be subject to stay or disapproval by the President within 60 days.

## Subpart G—Authorizations and Waivers

### § 294.60 Applications for authorization to conduct individual operations or programs not otherwise permitted by this part.

(a) Where the terms, conditions, or limitations of this part, particularly § 294.81, require prior approval of individual flights or charter programs, the registrant shall apply for such approval by filing three copies of OST Form 4540 with the Office of International Aviation, Foreign Air Carrier Licensing Division. OST Form 4540 may be obtained from the Foreign Air Carrier Licensing Division.

(b) Action on the application for authorization filed under paragraph (a) of this section will normally be taken within 30 days after the application is filed. The Department will consider requests for faster action that include a full explanation of the need for expedited action.

[ER-1257, 46 FR 52591, Oct. 27, 1981, as amended by Doc. No. 47939, 57 FR 40103, Sept. 2, 1992; 71 FR 49347, Aug. 23, 2006]

### § 294.61 Waivers.

The Department upon application or on its own initiative may waive any of the provisions of this part if it finds such action to be in the public interest.

## Subpart H—Violations

### § 294.70 Enforcement.

In case of any violation of any of the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII, or this part, or any other rule, regulation, or order issued under the Statute, the violator may be subject to a proceeding under section 46101 of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII before the Department, or sections 46106 through 46108 of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII before a U.S. District Court, as the case may be, to compel compliance; or to impose civil penalties under the provisions of section 46301 of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII; or in the case of a willful

violation, to impose criminal penalties under the provisions of section 46316 of 49 U.S.C. Subtitle VII; or to impose other lawful sanctions, including revocation of registration.

[ER-1257, 46 FR 52591, Oct. 27, 1981, as amended at 60 FR 43527, Aug. 22, 1995]

### Subpart I—Terms, Conditions, and Limitations of This Part

#### § 294.80 Waiver of sovereign immunity.

By accepting an approved registration under this part, a registrant waives any right it may possess to assert any defense of sovereign immunity in any action or proceeding instituted against it in any court or other tribunal in the United States based upon any claim arising out of its operations under this part.

#### § 294.81 Local traffic prohibited.

(a) Except as set forth in paragraph (b) of this section or §294.60, a registrant shall not carry passengers, cargo, or mail between two or more United States points for compensation or hire.

(b) A registrant may grant stopover privileges at any point or points in the United States to passengers and their accompanied baggage as part of a single continuous operation to or from Canada.

[ER-1257, 46 FR 52591, Oct. 27, 1981, as amended by Doc. No. 2006-25691, 71 FR 49347, Aug. 23, 2006]

#### § 294.83 Compliance with certain international agreements.

A registrant shall not operate any aircraft under this part unless it:

(a) Complies with operational safety requirements at least equivalent to Annex 6 of the Chicago Convention;

(b) Complies with all applicable provisions of the Agreement; and

(c) Complies with all applicable provisions of any treaty, convention, or agreement affecting international air transportation to which the United States and Canada are parties.

#### § 294.84 Air competency requirements.

Registrants shall conform to the airworthiness and airman competency requirements prescribed by the Govern-

ment of Canada for Canadian international air service.

#### § 294.85 Charterworthiness standards.

(a) Registrants may perform U.S.-originating charters authorized under Annex B (III)(A) of the Agreement as follows: Commercial air transportation of passengers and their accompanied baggage, and of property, on a time, mileage, or trip basis, where the entire planeload capacity of one or more aircraft has been engaged by a person for his own use or by a person for the transportation of a group of persons and/or their property, as agent or representative of such group, or other small aircraft operations as may be authorized under any amendments, supplements, reservations, or supersessions of the Agreement.

(b) Registrants may perform Canadian-originating charters authorized by Annex B (III)(B) of the Agreement and any amendments, supplements, reservations or supersessions of it. Such charters may be performed only to the extent authorized by the Air Carrier Regulations of the Canadian Transport Commission applicable to operations by small aircraft.

#### § 294.86 Industrial/agricultural/other nontransport air operations prohibited.

A registrant shall not engage in flights for the purpose of industrial or agricultural operations (e.g., crop dusting, pest control, pipeline patrol, mapping, surveying, banner towing, skywriting, aerial photography) within the United States unless it has obtained a permit from the Department under part 375 of this chapter.

#### § 294.87 Compliance with Canadian licenses.

A registrant shall not, in the performance of operations authorized by this part, use any aircraft or conduct any operations except in accordance with the authority and conditions contained in the registrant's applicable Canadian licenses.