

**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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**Application of** )  
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 **DELTA AIR LINES, INC.** ) **Docket OST-97-2338**  
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 **for renewal and amendment of exemption authority** )  
 **pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109** )  
 **(Route Integration)** )

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**APPLICATION OF DELTA AIR LINES, INC.  
FOR RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT  
OF EXEMPTION AUTHORITY**

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NOTICE: Answers to this application must be filed by April 27, 1999.

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109, Delta Air Lines, Inc. (“Delta”) hereby applies for renewal and amendment of its route integration exemption authority granted by Order 97-7-16, to permit Delta to continue to integrate all of its existing international route authority to the fullest extent permissible under applicable agreements.<sup>1</sup> Delta’s route integration authority expires on June 11, 1999. Delta requests renewal of this authority for an indefinite duration to avoid the need for repetitious submission and review of requests for renewal of this non-controversial authority.

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<sup>1</sup> A list of Delta’s current route authority is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Delta requests amendment of its route integration exemption to the extent that such operational flexibility has not already been conferred upon any certificate or exemption authority granted to Delta subsequent to the most recent approval of Delta’s route integration exemption.

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With respect to Delta's application for renewal of its route integration authority granted by Order 97-7-16, Delta hereby invokes the automatic extension provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 558(c), as implemented by 14 C.F.R. Part 377. This application is timely filed pursuant to § 377.10(c).

Renewal and amendment of Delta's route integration exemption authority is in the public interest. Continued approval of such authority will provide Delta with the maximum flexibility to modify its flight patterns and respond quickly to marketplace needs, and will allow Delta to provide consumers with more convenient international air services. Moreover, under the Department's recent policy concerning route integration authority,<sup>2</sup> Delta will continue to be able to implement new services to any foreign point named in its existing certificates and exemptions (subject to a notification requirement for limited-entry routes), without the regulatory burden of submitting discrete exemption and certificate requests.

Approval of this application would also be consistent with the Department's established policy concerning route integration authority. In issuing and reissuing recent certificates of public convenience and necessity, the Department has, as a matter of course, added route integration authority as a standard certificate condition.

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WHEREFORE, Delta Air Lines, Inc. respectfully requests that the Department renew and amend the route integration authority described herein, and grant such other additional relief as the Department determines to be in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>2</sup> See Order 98-9-3 at 4-5.

**Exhibit A**

**DELTA REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING  
ROUTE INTEGRATION AUTHORITY:**

**(1) Renewal of its Route Integration Authority for the Following Routes:**

27-F*	158	526	616	678*
52*	167	562 <sup>Ψ</sup>	630	685*
114	178	585	660	717*
152 <sup>Ψ</sup>	404*	586	667 <sup>Ψ</sup>	719*
154*	515	606	672*	732 <sup>Ψ</sup>

**(2) Amendment of its Route Integration Authority to Include the Following Routes:**

740 <sup>Ψ</sup>	754 <sup>Ψ</sup>
744 <sup>Ψ</sup>	756 <sup>Ψ</sup>
751 <sup>Ψ</sup>	757 <sup>Ψ</sup>

**(3) Renewal of its Route Integration Authority to Include the Authority Held Under its Existing Exemptions.**<sup>Ψ</sup>

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\*Delta's U.S.-Canada certificates for Routes 27-F, 52, 154, 404, 672, 678, 685, 717 and 719 are encompassed within its blanket U.S.-Canada certificate (Route 660).

<sup>Ψ</sup>The Department's standard route integration condition has been applied to certain of Delta's recently issued or reissued certificate and exemption authorities. Delta requests that the route integration authority that is the subject of this application continue to apply to these authorities, to the extent necessary.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused a copy of the foregoing Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc. for Renewal and Amendment of Exemption Authority to be served this 12th day of April, 1999, upon each of the following persons:

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