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Pursuant 49 U.S.C. section 40109 of the Transportation Code, Alitalia Express S.p.A. requests an exemption from 49 U.S.C. section 41301 to the extent necessary to provide underlying economic authority for Alitalia Express to carry the designator code of Delta Air Lines on the European regional routes served by Alitalia Express. Alitalia Express, along with Alitalia and its other subsidiaries, applied on August 14 for a blanket Statement of Authorization to implement a codesharing agreement with Delta Air Lines. (Docket OST-01-10417)

Alitalia Express is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alitalia and is headquartered at Fiumicino Airport in Rome. Its license issued by the Italian Ministry of Transport is provided in Exhibit 1. The officers and key management personnel form a competent and experienced management group. They and the members of the Board of Directors are listed in Exhibit 2.

Alitalia Express operates regional commuter carrier services for Alitalia under a wet lease agreement on routes within Italy and between Italy and other European countries. On certain routes Alitalia Express also sells tickets under its own designator code and with a codeshare agreement to display Alitalia's code. A list of the principal routes is set forth in Exhibit 3. Alitalia Express operates a fleet of 21 aircraft, including seven ATR-72, six ATR-42, and eight ERJ-145 planes, as set forth in Exhibit 4. Its maintenance program complies with the provisions of ICAP Pilots and Airmen Annexes 1, 6, and 7 as Italy is a contracting state to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

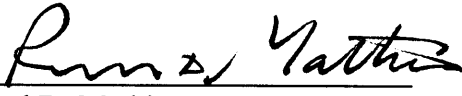
Alitalia Express requests that the Department waive the requirement of filing separate financial statements for the prior two years. As a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alitalia, applicant automatically has the same financial fitness as the Alitalia Group.

Grant of this application will serve the public interest by enabling Alitalia and Delta Air Lines to offer to the public an expanded range of codeshared services by fully connecting the route networks of Alitalia and Delta. By placing its code on flights operated by Alitalia Express, Delta will be able to provide competitive service benefits, travel options, and trade development for U.S. passengers, shippers, and communities.

Alitalia Express has not had any safety or tariff enforcement proceedings or any fatal accidents. A copy of its required certificate of insurance is attached as Exhibit 5. A copy of its agreement regarding liability limitation under the Warsaw Convention is attached as Exhibit 6. As a carrier not operating to the United States, Alitalia Express is not required to file an Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Plan.

Alitalia Express requests that the Department grant this application for underlying economic exemption authority simultaneously with approval of the application of the Alitalia group of carriers for codesharing authority in Docket OST-01-10417.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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