

**BEFORE THE
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WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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for renewal of Exemption Authority)	
(Intra-Europe codesharing))	
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FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION AUTHORITY**

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Notice: Interested persons may respond to this Application filing an answer on or before November 14, 2005, in the above-referenced docket and serving a copy on undersigned counsel and all persons named on the attached service list.

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Alitalia Express S.p.A. requests renewal of its current exemption from 49 U.S.C. section 41301 to the extent necessary for underlying authority to permit Alitalia Express to display the airline designator code of Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("DL") on intra-European regional routes served by Alitalia Express. See Notice of Action Taken, dated October 29, 2003, in this docket. Prior thereto, Alitalia Express held the same authority pursuant to DOT Notice of Action Taken, dated October 26, 2001, in Docket OST-2001-10534.

Alitalia Express continues to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alitalia, remains headquartered at Fiumicino Airport in Rome, and operates under the same license issued by the Italian Ministry of Transport previously submitted in Docket OST-2001-10534. Its management team and Board of Directors all continue to citizens of Italy. It continues to operate as a regional carrier on routes within Italy and between Italy and other European countries. Its maintenance program complies with the provisions of ICAO Annexes 1, 6, and 7. As a subsidiary of Alitalia, its financial fitness is essentially that of its parent company which has been granted an amended

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foreign air carrier permit in Docket OST-2003-15423, Order 2003-9-28, dated October 1, 2003.

Its certificate of insurance and agreement regarding liability under the Warsaw Convention remain valid as already filed with the Department. Lastly, Alitalia Express has not had any safety or tariff enforcement proceedings or any fatal accidents.

Alitalia Express, pursuant to Part 377 of the Department's regulations, intends to rely on the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 558(c) to continue the authorization pending decision on this application. A waiver of the 60 day advance filing provision is requested, if necessary.

Renewal of this limited authority to carry the designator code of Delta Air Lines on the intra-European flights of Alitalia Express will serve the public interest by enabling the carriers jointly to offer passengers more convenient and coordinated through services between the United States and those points in Europe to which Delta does not operate with its own aircraft. It will expand the network codesharing services whose benefits the Department has often recognized. Also, the authorization is expressly contemplated by the U.S. – Italy open skies agreement and positive, reciprocal aviation relationship between the United States and Italy.

Accordingly, Alitalia Express requests that the Department grant this renewal application and other related relief as it deems necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this 25th day of October 2005, a copy of the foregoing Application of Alitalia Express S.P.A. for Renewal of Exemption Authority was served by electronic mail on the following:

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