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Dated: August 7, 2000

Note: Pursuant to Rule 311(a) of the Department's Rules of Practice, South African Airways has filed a Motion to Shorten Time for Answers in support of or in opposition to this application to August 9, 2000. SAA will poll persons served with this application to determine whether any person intends to submit an answer.

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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 and Rule 311 of the Department's Rules of Practice, South African Airways (Pty) Ltd. d/b/a South African Airways ("SAA") requests an emergency exemption to add Lagos, Nigeria as an intermediate point on its route between the Republic of South Africa ("RSA") and the United States. In support of this application, SAA states as follows:

1. SAA initially proposes to serve Lagos as an intermediate point on its service between New York and Johannesburg. The first promotional flight will operate on August 15, 2000. The next promotional flight may operate on or about August 22, 2000 in conjunction with the visit of President Clinton to Nigeria. Up to three additional promotional flights will be operated in September and October. The promotional flights will carry revenue passengers in the Lagos - New York market but will not carry the code of Nigeria Airways. All flights initially will be operated with Boeing 747-200 or 747-300 aircraft.¹

2. The U.S.-RSA Air Transport Agreement permits the RSA to designate Cape Verde and three other points in Africa as intermediates. To date, only Cape Verde has been so designated. The RSA will inform the Department directly of its designation of Lagos as an intermediate point.

3. South African Airways further requests route integration authority to permit it to combine services authorized by this exemption with all other South African Airways services authorized by existing exemptions granted by the Department, to the extent permitted by applicable international agreements.

4. South African Airways asks that the Department grant the authority requested herein for a period of at least two years.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, South African Airways respectfully urges the Department promptly to issue the requested exemption so that South African Airways can implement the services described herein. South African Airways further requests that the Department grant such other relief as it deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Costello

¹ SAA and Nigeria Airways have agreed to a joint venture in the Lagos - U.S. market, thus permitting the reinstitution of nonstop combination air service between the U.S. and the largest nation in Africa. The full service will begin on or about October 29, 2000, with an initial pattern of three nonstop roundtrips per week serving Lagos on an intermediate, Fifth Freedom basis and bearing the code of both SAA and Nigeria Airways. SAA will file at a later date for the code-share authority.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 7th day of August, 2000, a copy of the foregoing Application of South African Airways was served by facsimile or by electronic mail on the persons identified below, and that when service was made, no indication was received that any transmission had failed.

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