

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

Application of

SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS

**for an emergency exemption pursuant to 49
U.S.C. §40109 (Lagos, Nigeria intermediate
authority).**

Docket OST-2000-

**MOTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS
TO SHORTEN TIME FOR ANSWERS**

Pursuant to Rule 311(a) of the Department's Rules of Practice, South African Airways (Proprietary) Limited d/b/a South African Airways ("SAA") moves to shorten the time for filing answers to its application in the captioned docket to and including August 9, 2000. In support of this motion, SAA states as follows:

1. The captioned application seeks to restore nonstop air service between Nigeria and the U.S. by adding Lagos, Nigeria as an intermediate point for SAA's service between the Republic of South Africa ("RSA") and the U.S. SAA plans to operate the first promotional flight, carrying revenue passengers, on August 15, 2000 between Lagos and New York.¹ The 15-day exemption application response period set forth in Rule 307 would not give the Department sufficient time to consider the application.

¹ The underlying agreement with Nigeria Airways was initialed on Friday, August 4, 2000. The docketed application was filed as promptly thereafter as possible.

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2. The suggested date of August 9, 2000 provides interested persons sufficient time to prepare a response, for SAA to prepare replies, and allows the Department time to consider those responses and replies, if any, before the commencement of service on August 15. The application and this motion have been electronically filed and served to assist the Department's expedited consideration of this matter.

WHEREFORE, South African Airways respectfully requests that the time for filing answers to its application in this docket be shortened to August 9, 2000, and that the Department grant such other relief as it deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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