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(Casablanca - Boston)

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Pursuant to Section 40109 of Title 49 of the United States Code and Section 302 of the Department's Economic Regulations, Royal Air Maroc (RAM) hereby applies for exemption authority to enable it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Casablanca, Morocco (CMN) and Boston, MA (BOS).

RAM respectfully requests that the Department grant the requested authority expeditiously to facilitate marketing and advance sales of RAM's proposed Boston service. It further requests that the exemption authority to serve Boston be granted for an initial period of two years, or for such longer period as the Department may determine.

In support of this Application, Royal Air Maroc states as follows:

1. RAM is a flag carrier of Morocco. It was founded in 1953 and has operated continuously since that time. RAM currently operates scheduled service within Morocco, and between Morocco and numerous points in Europe, Africa, North America, South America, and the Middle East. It currently serves New York (JFK) pursuant to its foreign air carrier permit issued by Order 1975-2-61 in Docket 26260, and it has served New York since 1975. RAM also serves Washington

(IAD) pursuant to exemption authority granted in Docket DOT-OST-2015-0262, and it intends to begin service to Miami (MIA) this coming April pursuant to exemption authority granted in Docket DOT-OST-2018-0112. RAM intends to operate service to Boston with the same B-787 aircraft it currently uses for service to New York and Washington, and RAM's forty-year history of operating successful service to the U.S. demonstrates that it is fully qualified to operate the Boston service for which authority is requested here.

2. Aviation relations between the United States and Morocco are governed by the open skies Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco (2001) ("Agreement"). Annex 1 to that Agreement provides for Moroccan carriers to operate scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail from points behind Morocco via Morocco and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond. That grant of authority encompasses the Casablanca-Boston authority requested here.

3. RAM plans to begin service to Boston in June, 2019, and it hopes to initiate sales and advertising activities immediately upon receipt of all required government approvals. Accordingly, it respectfully requests that the Department grant the necessary exemption authority as soon as possible.

4. RAM currently operates the only non-stop service between the United States and Morocco. Its proposed Boston service would expand its existing service to New York and Washington, DC, and would represent the first non-stop service between Boston and Casablanca, thereby providing significant new transportation options for passengers and shippers.

ACCORDINGLY, for the reasons discussed above, Royal Air Maroc submits that grant of the authority requested here would be consistent with the public interest, and respectfully requests

that the Department grant it exemption authority to the extent necessary to enable it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Casablanca, Morocco (CMN) and Boston, Massachusetts (BOS) for an initial period of at least two years.

Respectfully submitted,

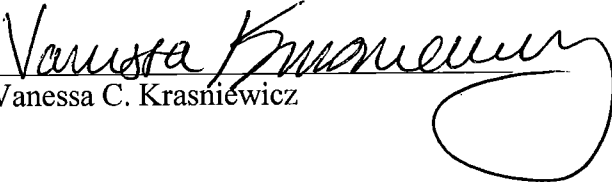
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 4th day of January 2019, a copy of the foregoing Application has been served by electronic mail on the parties named below.


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