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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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NOTICE

Docket OST-2002-12193 - 8

By Notice of Action Taken, dated September 4, 2003, we granted the request of American Airlines that its South Africa third-country codeshare designation be changed from service provided by Swiss International Air Lines Ltd. d/b/a Swiss to service provided by British Airways. At the time of its request, American anticipated that its South Africa code-share service with Swiss would be ending October 6, 2003.

By letter dated October 1, 2003, American informed the Department that the proposed October 6, 2003 change-over date from Swiss to British Airways had been deferred and that American wished to continue its current service to South Africa with Swiss until a new change-over date had been established. American requested that the Department stay the effective date of the Notice of Action Taken until December 3, 2003. American further stated that it would notify the Department when American had established the new change-over date and then it would request that the stay be lifted so that it would then be able to implement service with British Airways. American also stated that it would not hold out codeshare service to South Africa with both Swiss and British Airways at the same time.

By Notice dated October 2, 2003, the Department stayed the effective date of the Notice of Action Taken dated September 4, 2003, in Docket OST-2002-12193, until December 3, 2003.

By letter dated October 16, 2003, American states that American, British Airways, and Swiss have now agreed to a change-over date of November 19, 2003, and that American has so informed the South Africa Department of Transport. American requests that its authorization to code share to South Africa via London Heathrow with British Airways Plc be made effective November 19, 2003; that the stay entered by the October 2 Notice be lifted; and that the Department issue a further notice to reflect November 19, 2003, as the change-over date to British Airways from Swiss.

In view of the circumstances presented, we lift the October 2 stay of the effective date for the Notice of Action Taken dated September 4, 2003, in Docket OST-2002-12193. This action will be effective November 19, 2003, American's stated change-over date to British Airways from Swiss.

By:

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Director, Office of International Aviation

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Dated: October 27, 2003

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