



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on November 21, 2003

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 1995-774

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applicant: ROYAL TONGAN AIRLINES

Date Filed: August 7, 2003

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 USC section 41301 to permit the applicant to conduct, using its own aircraft and crews, scheduled, combination services between the terminal point Tongatapu, Tonga, and the two U.S. coterminal points Honolulu and Los Angeles. (By letter to the Department dated November 13, 2003, the applicant states that it plans to conduct this U.S. operation only via Apia, Samoa, until a successful security assessment is made by TSA at the airport in Tonga.)

Applicant representative: Charles F. Donley II, 202-626-6840 DOT analyst: Allen F. Brown, 202-366-2405

Responsive pleadings: None.

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved.

Action date: November 21, 2003

Effective dates of authority granted: November 21, 2003, through November 21, 2004.

Basis for approval: Reciprocity with Tonga.

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: Standard exemption conditions.

Special conditions/Remarks: The FAA has advised us that it knows of no reason to withhold this authority.

**Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation**

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; (2) the applicant was qualified to perform its proposed operations; (3) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (4) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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