

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending February 27, 1998

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-1996-1131.

Date Filed: February 25, 1998.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: April 1, 1996.

Description: Amendment No. 2 to the Application of United Air Lines, Inc., pursuant to Subpart Q of the Regulations, requesting authority to additional points identified in Exhibit UA-8, "Between any point or points behind the U.S., any intermediate point or points (including but not limited to points in those countries listed in Exhibit UA-8), any point or points in Japan, and any point or points beyond Japan (including but not limited to points in those countries listed in Exhibit UA-8)".

Docket Number: OST-1998-3565.

Date Filed: February 26, 1998.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: March 26, 1998.

Description: Application of Canada 3000 Airlines Limited, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41302, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a foreign air carrier permit authorizing Canada 3000 to provide scheduled and charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in Canada, on the one hand, and any point or points in the United States, on the other hand, without restriction or limitation. Canada 3000 also requests that it be granted authority to perform 5th freedom charters between points in the United States and points outside of the United States.

Docket Number: OST-1995-625.

Date Filed: February 27, 1998.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: October 9, 1995.

Description: Amendment No. 1 to the Application of United Air Lines, Inc., pursuant to Subpart Q of the Act, for addition of the following points to Segment 2 of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Route 603:

Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia
Croatia
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Latvia
Lithuania
Malta
Morocco
Tanzania
Tunisia
Turkmenistan
Uzbekistan
Yemen

United requests that its authority to serve points in France on Segment 2 be amended to include Lyon and Nice in addition to Paris. United also requests that its authority to serve the United Kingdom on Segments 2 and 3 of Route 603 be amended to eliminate the exclusion of Manchester.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Request Renewal From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of Current Public Collection's Information

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the FAA invites public comment on 13 currently approved public information collections which will be submitted to OMB for renewal.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on any of these collections may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Judith Street, Room 612, Federal Aviation Administration, Corporate Information Division, ABC-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Judith Street at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA solicits comments on any of the current collections of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of the collection. Following are short synopses of the 13, currently approved public information collection activities, which will be submitted to OMB for review and renewal:

1. 2120-0001, Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration, Notice of Actual Construction, Project Status. Federal Regulations require all persons to report proposed or actual construction/alteration of structures affecting air safety. The reporting requirements as prescribed in 14 CFR part 77 affects any person or business planning to construct or alter a structure that may affect air safety. The information is used to ensure the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace by aircraft. The estimated annual reporting burden on the public is 16,500 hours.

2. 2120-0018, Certification Procedures for Products and Parts, FAR 21. 14 CFR part 21 prescribes certification procedures for aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, products and parts. Information collected is used to determine compliance and applicant eligibility. The respondents are aircraft parts designers, manufacturers, and aircraft owners. The annual estimated burden in 44,000 hours.

3. 2120-0020, Maintenance, Preventive Maintenance, Rebuilding, and Alteration. The information collection associated with 14 CFR part 43 is necessary to ensure that maintenance, rebuilding, or alteration of aircraft, aircraft components, etc., is performed by qualified individuals and at proper intervals. Further, maintenance records are essential to ensure that an aircraft is properly maintained and is mechanically safe for flight. The respondents are certified mechanics, repair stations, and air carriers authorized to perform maintenance. Pilots are also authorized to perform and record preventive maintenance; however, the authorization applies only to those pilots who own or lease their aircraft for private operation. The annual estimated reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with this requirement is 5.5 million hours.

4. 2120-0040, Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools—FAR Part 147.14 CFR part 147 prescribes requirements for certification and operation of aviation mechanic schools. The information is necessary to ensure that Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools meet the minimum requirements for procedures and curriculum set forth by the FAA. Also, it is necessary for the FAA to develop minimum standards for properly qualified persons who would enter the aviation industry. The estimated annual burden for reporting and recordkeeping is 79,000 hours.

5. 2120-0056, Report of Inspections Required by Airworthiness Directives, FAR part 39. Airworthiness directives are regulations issued to require corrective action to correct unsafe conditions in aircraft, engines, propellers, and appliances. Records of inspections are often needed when emergency corrective action is taken to determine if the action was adequate to correct the unsafe condition. The respondents are owners and operators of the affected products. The estimated annual burden is 21,000 hours.

6. 2120-0057, Safety Improvement Report Accident Prevention Counselor Activity Reports. Safety Improvements Reports are used by airmen to notify the FAA of hazards to flight operations. Accident Prevention Counselor Activity Reports are used by counselors to advise the FAA of Accident Prevention Program Accomplishments. The affected public are pilots, airport operators, charter and commuter aircraft operators engaging in air transportation. The estimated annual burden for this reporting activity is 4,600 hours.

7. 2120-0067, Air Taxi and Commercial Operator Airport Activity Survey. The information collected through this survey is restricted to all air taxi/commercial operators who are subject to the passenger transportation tax. Response to the survey is voluntary. Data collected is to serve as an input to the FAA revenue emplanement data base which is used in allocating Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds to airports. The estimated annual burden for this information is 500 hours.

8. 2120-0101, Physiological Training. This collection of information is used to determine if the applicants meet the qualifications for the voluntary physiological training under the FAA/USAF training agreement. The estimated annual burden for this collection is 500 hours.

9. 2120-0508, Fuel Venting and Exhaust Emission Requirements for Turbine Engine Powered Airplanes. This is a labeling requirement to put the

date of manufacture and compliance status on the identification plate and is intended to minimize the effort required to determine whether a turbojet engine may legally be installed and operate on a aircraft in the United States as required by 14 CFR part 45. The estimated annual burden associated with this submission is 100 hours.

10. 2120-0524, High Density Traffic Airports Slot Allocation and Transfer Methods. The FAA uses this information to allocate slots and maintain accurate records of slot transfers at the High Density Traffic Airports. The information will be provided by air carriers and commuter operators or other persons holding a slot at High Density Traffic Airports. The estimated annual burden associated with this collection is 1800 hours.

11. 2120-0539, Implementation to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). The Equal Access to Justice Act provides for the award of attorney fees and other expenses to eligible individuals and entities who are parties to administrative proceedings before government agencies and who prevail over the government. The information collected will be used to determine whether an applicant is eligible to receive an award under the EAJA. The annual estimated burden associated with this collection is 200 hours.

12. 2120-0564, Unescorted Access Privilege—14 CFR parts 107 and 108. The information is required to ensure that airports and air carriers comply with the investigations into the background of individuals permitted unescorted access privileges. The estimated annual burden associated with this collection of information is 37,000 hours.

13. 2120-0569, Airports Grants Program. The FAA collects information from airport sponsors and planning agencies in order to administer the Airports Grants Program. Data is used to determine eligibility, ensure proper use of Federal funds, and ensure project accomplishments.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Research, Engineering and Development (R, E&D) Advisory Committee

Pursuant to section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held on April 23-24, at the Washington Dulles Airport Hilton, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, Virginia.

On Thursday, April 23 the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, April 24 the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. The meeting agenda will review the Federal Aviation Administration planned fiscal year 2000 research and development investments in the areas of air traffic services, airports, aircraft safety, security, human factors and environment and energy.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. Persons wishing to attend the meeting or obtain information should contact Lee Olson at the Federal Aviation Administration, AAR-200, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591 (202) 267-7358.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time

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Jan Brecht-Clark,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.