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In the matter of the Proposed Schedules of

**Air China Limited d/b/a/ Air China; Beijing  
Capital Airlines Co., Ltd.; China Eastern  
Airlines Corporation Limited; China Southern  
Airlines Company Limited; Hainan Airlines  
Holding Co. Ltd.; Sichuan Airlines Co., Ltd.;  
and Xiamen Airlines**

Docket DOT-OST-2020-0052

## ORDER DISAPPROVING PROPOSED SCHEDULES

### Summary

By this Order, the U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department) disapproves the proposed schedules filed in the present Docket by the above-captioned foreign air carriers of the People's Republic of China, pursuant to Department Order 2020-5-4. This Order is effective immediately.

### Background

By Order 2020-5-4, issued on May 22, 2020, and for the reasons set forth in that Order, the Department required the following Chinese carriers to file their existing and proposed schedules for combination services with the Department: Air China Limited d/b/a/ Air China (Air China); Beijing Capital Airlines Co., Ltd. (Beijing Capital); China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (China Eastern); China Southern Airlines Company Limited (China Southern); Hainan Airlines Holding Co. Ltd. (Hainan Airlines); Sichuan Airlines Co., Ltd. (Sichuan Airlines); and Xiamen Airlines. Currently, only four of those carriers are providing scheduled passenger service in the U.S.-China market: Air China (Beijing-Los Angeles), China Eastern (Shanghai-New York (JFK)), China Southern (Guangzhou-Los Angeles), and Xiamen Airlines (Xiamen-Los Angeles).

Each provides one weekly round-trip flight. Per the terms of Order 2020-5-4, each of these carriers filed its existing schedules with the Department.

By Order 2020-6-1, issued on June 3, 2020, and for the reasons set forth in that Order, the Department suspended all Chinese carrier scheduled passenger air services between the United States and China, effective June 16, 2020. Subsequently, by Order 2020-6-6, issued on June 15, 2020, and for the reasons set forth in that order, the Department modified Order 2020-6-1 to permit, in the aggregate, four weekly round-trip scheduled passenger operations to be operated by the Chinese carriers currently operating scheduled combination service to the United States in accordance with the existing schedules filed pursuant to Order 2020-5-4.

### **Proposed Schedules**

The four incumbent Chinese carriers currently operating scheduled passenger services in the U.S.-China market (Air China, China Eastern, China Southern, and Xiamen Airlines) additionally filed proposed schedules pursuant to Order 2020-5-4. Proposed schedules were also filed by the following incumbent Chinese carriers currently not operating scheduled passenger flights in the U.S.-China market: Beijing Capital, Hainan Airlines, and Sichuan Airlines.

### **Decision**

The Department has clearly ruled that the public interest requires scheduled passenger services by Chinese carriers only to the extent permitted by Order 2020-6-6. The Department thus finds that any proposed scheduled passenger services by Chinese carriers in excess of or different from those services permitted by Order 2020-6-6 would be adverse to the public interest. Therefore, the Department hereby disapproves all such proposed schedules that have been filed before the Department in response to Order 2020-5-4. Service under these proposed schedules shall not be inaugurated. *See* 14 CFR Part 213.3(d).

We would note, however, that should the Civil Aviation Authority of China (CAAC) adjust its policies to bring about the necessary improved situation for U.S. carriers as discussed in Orders 2020-6-1 and 2020-6-6, the Department is prepared to revisit the action announced in the present order.

### **ACCORDINGLY,**

1. We disapprove all proposed schedules for combination services filed by Air China Limited d/b/a/ Air China; Beijing Capital Airlines Co., Ltd.; China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited; China Southern Airlines Company Limited; Hainan Airlines Holding Co. Ltd.; Sichuan Airlines Co., Ltd.; and Xiamen Airlines pursuant to Order 2020-5-4;
2. The disapproval specified in Ordering Paragraph 1 shall be effective immediately;
3. We may amend, modify, or revoke this Order at any time and without hearing;

4. This Order is subject to stay or disapproval by the President within 10 days after adoption; and

5. We will serve this Order on Air China Limited d/b/a/ Air China; Beijing Capital Airlines Co., Ltd.; China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited; China Southern Airlines Company Limited; Hainan Airlines Holding Co. Ltd.; Sichuan Airlines Co., Ltd.; and Xiamen Airlines; all certificated U.S. carriers operating large aircraft; the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Washington, D.C.; the Civil Aviation Authority of China (CAAC); the Department of State; the Transportation Security Administration; and the Federal Aviation Administration.

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