Order 2020-7-16



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

Served: July 17, 2020

In the Matter of

NATIONAL AVIATION COMPANY OF INDIA LIMITED, D/B/A AIR INDIA -Authority to conduct Third and Fourth Freedom charter operations under 14 CFR Part 212 of the Department's regulations

Docket DOT-OST-2007-0125

ORDER

Background

By Order 2020-6-13, served June 22, 2020 in the above-referenced Docket, the U.S. Department of Transportation notified National Aviation Company of India Limited d/b/a Air India (Air India) that it would be required, effective 30 days after the service date of that order, to obtain prior approval from the Department in the form of a statement of authorization before operating any Third- and/or Fourth-Freedom charter flights to or from the United States. We took this action because the Government of India (GoI) had imposed restrictions that prevented U.S. air carriers from making full use of their charter rights in the U.S.-India market.

Subsequent Developments and Decision

The Department and other U.S. Government agencies have continued to work with the GoI towards satisfactory resolution of this matter. In that connection, recent positive developments have led the Department to determine at this time that the public interest calls for removal, until further order of the Department, of the charter prior approval requirement that we had imposed on Air India.

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We notify National Aviation Company of India Limited d/b/a Air India that we are rescinding the requirements of Ordering Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Order 2020-6-13 until further order of the Department;

2. We may amend, modify, or revoke this Order at any time and without hearing; and

3. We will serve this Order on National Aviation Company of India Limited d/b/a Air India; the Embassy of India in Washington, D.C.; the Indian Ministry of Civil Aviation; the Department of State; the Transportation Security Administration; and the Federal Aviation Administration.

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