



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

Issued by the Department of Transportation on August 21, 2020

**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET DOT-OST-2020-0037**

On March 27, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) into law. Sections 4005 and 4114(b) of the CARES Act authorize the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (Secretary) to require, "to the extent reasonable and practicable," an air carrier receiving financial assistance under the act to maintain scheduled air transportation service as the Secretary deems necessary to ensure services to any point served by that air carrier before March 1, 2020 (Service Obligation). By Order 2020-4-2, the U.S. Department of Transportation established the parameters for implementation of the authority granted to the Secretary under the CARES Act, including an exemption process as described at pages 9-10 and in Appendix D of that order. This serves as notice to the public of an action taken by a Department official with regard to exemption(s) from Order 2020-4-2. No additional confirming order will be issued in this matter.

Applicant: **Spirit Airlines, Inc. (Spirit)**<sup>1</sup>

**XX Service Level Exemption**

Date Filed: **July 17, 2020**

Spirit requests that the Department approve a temporary suspension of service, from September 8 through September 30, 2020, at Latrobe, Pennsylvania from its Service Obligation under the provisions of Order 2020-4-2.

Spirit states that the planned closure of the runway at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport (LBE) in Latrobe, on or about September 8 until September 25, 2020, for runway improvements will make the carrier physically unable to provide service at LBE during this period. Spirit requests an exemption through September 30, 2020, however, in the event that completion of the construction project is delayed.

Responsive pleadings: None

**DISPOSITION**

**XX Granted (see below)**

Action date: **August 21, 2020**

Request for exemption granted and effective date of authority granted:<sup>2</sup>

For Latrobe, Pennsylvania: **September 8, 2020 through September 30, 2020**

This authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

**XX Holder's certificate(s) of public convenience and necessity**

**XX Standard exemption conditions (attached)**

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**Basis for approval:** We find that granting Spirit's request for an exemption to suspend service at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, is warranted. Spirit included a letter in its application from the manager of the runway construction project notifying the carrier of the planned runway closure from September 8 through September 25, 2020. The

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of Spirit's exemption application and the basis for its exemption request can be found at:

<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOT-OST-2020-0037-0248>.

<sup>2</sup> The effectiveness of this authority will terminate on the date(s) specified above.

carrier also provided a letter from the Westmoreland County Airport Authority supporting Spirit's request for an exemption at Latrobe. Under these circumstances, it would not be reasonable or practicable to require Spirit to serve Latrobe while the runway is closed. Therefore, the Department grants an exemption to Spirit for its services at Latrobe, effective September 8 through September 30, 2020.

We may amend, modify, or revoke this exemption at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for reconsideration of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR § 302.14, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for reconsideration will not alter such effectiveness.

Action taken by: David Short  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Aviation and International Affairs

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**U.S. Carrier Exemption Conditions**

In the conduct of the operations authorized, the U.S. carrier applicant(s) shall:

- (1) Hold at all times effective operating authority from the government of each country served;
- (2) Comply with consumer protection and civil rights requirements, including, but not limited, to requirements contained in 14 CFR Parts 250, 254, 257, 259, 374, 382 and 399;
- (3) Comply with the requirements for reporting data to the Department, including, but not limited, to requirements contained in 14 CFR Parts 234, 241, and 244;
- (4) Comply with requirements for minimum insurance coverage, and for certifying that coverage to the Department, contained in 14 CFR 205;
- (5) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with all applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Transportation Security Administration, and with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security, including, but not limited to, 49 CFR Part 1544. To ensure compliance with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security, the holder shall, before commencing any new service (including charter flights) to or from a foreign airport, contact its Principal Security Inspector (PSI) to advise the PSI of its plans and to find out whether the Transportation Security Administration has determined that security is adequate to allow such airport(s) to be served;
- (7) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department of Transportation, with all applicable orders and regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

The authority granted shall be effective only during the period when the holder is in compliance with the conditions imposed above.