

INACTIVE AIRLINE ALLIANCES

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Arranged alphabetically by U.S. airline party, then by date the proceeding was initiated.
Dockets can be accessed at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Aloha – Hawaiian	
Inactive	Filed: July 31, 2002 Docket: DOT-OST-2002-13002 Final Order: Order 2002-9-25 (September 30, 2002) (authority effective until October 1, 2003) Notes: Closed out by Order 2007-5-16 (May 24, 2007).

America West – Royal Jordanian	
Inactive	Filed: July 12, 2004 Docket: DOT-OST-2004-18613 Final Order: Order 2005-1-23 (January 27, 2005) Notes: Closed out by Order 2007-5-16 (May 24, 2007).

American – Canadian International	
Inactive	<p>Filed: November 3, 1995</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-1995-792</p> <p>Final Order: Order 96-7-21 (July 15, 1996)</p> <p>Notes: Carve outs: New York-Toronto (U.S. POS all local O&D traffic only). Alliance ended on June 1, 2000. Closed out by Order 2007-5-16 (May 24, 2007).</p>

American – British Airways (AA/BA I)	
Inactive	<p>Filed: January 10, 1997</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-1997-2058</p> <p>Order: Order 99-7-22 (July 30, 1999) (terminating the proceeding)</p>

American – LAN – LAN Chile	
Inactive	<p>Filed: December 23, 1997</p> <p>Docket: Docket DOT-OST-1997-3285</p> <p>Final Order: Order 99-9-9 (September 13, 1999)</p> <p>Notes: The Joint Applicants filed an expanded application and requested to form a joint venture in Docket DOT-OST-2019-0054. The application was withdrawn, and the docket closed.</p> <p>On August 26, 2021, the Department revoked antitrust immunity retroactive to May 1, 2020 in Order 2021-7-16 and closed this Docket.</p>

American – Swissair – Sabena

Inactive

Filed: November 19, 1999 Docket: DOT-OST-1999-6528

Final Order: Order 2000-5-13 (May 11, 2000)

Notes: Carve outs: Chicago-Zurich, Chicago-Brussels (U.S. point of sale time-sensitive traffic only). The three-way AA-SR-SN alliance was dissolved. AA-SR Terminated on November 8, 2001; AA-SN Terminated on March 21, 2002; all authorities closed out by Order 2007-5-16 (May 24, 2007).

American – TACA Group

Inactive

Filed: March 17, 2000

Docket: DOT-OST-2000-7088

Order: Order 2005-6-16 (June 28, 2005) (terminating the proceeding and closing the docket)

American – British Airways (AA/BA II)	
Inactive	<p>Filed: August 10, 2001</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2001-10387 and 11029</p> <p>Show Cause Order: Order 2002-1-12 (January 25, 2002)</p> <p>Final Order: Order 2002-4-4 (April 4, 2002)</p> <p>Notes: The Final Order granted the parties' motion to dismiss the case. Docket DOT-OST-2001-10387 was closed out by Order 2007-5-16 (May 24, 2007).</p>

American – Swiss International Air Lines	
Inactive	<p>Filed: June 28, 2002</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2002-12688</p> <p>Final Order: Order 2002-11-12 (November 22, 2002)</p> <p>Notes: After a brief cessation of service by Swiss, the parties temporarily renewed their alliance before terminating it in 2005 as Swiss moved into the Star Alliance organization and then became a subsidiary of Lufthansa. The docket was closed out by Order 2007-5-16 (May 24, 2007).</p>

American – SN Brussels	
Inactive	<p>Filed: November 13, 2003</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2003-16530</p> <p>Final Order: Order 2004-4-10 (April 15, 2004)</p> <p>Notes: The parties renewed their alliance after a brief cessation of service by Sabena, now SN Brussels. Subsequently, antitrust immunity terminated by notice of the parties, effective October 24, 2009.</p>

American – LAN – LAN Peru	
Inactive	<p>Filed: December 22, 2004</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2004-19964</p> <p>Final Order: Order 2005-10-8 (October 13, 2005)</p> <p>Notes: The Joint Applicants filed an expanded application and requested to form a joint venture in Docket DOT-OST-2019-0054. The application was withdrawn, and the docket closed.</p> <p>On August 26, 2021 the Department revoked antitrust immunity retroactive to May 1, 2020 in Order 2021-7-16 and closed this Docket.</p>

American – Iberia – Finnair – Malev – Royal Jordanian	
Inactive	<p>Filed: July 24, 2007</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2007-28845</p> <p>Order: Order 2008-6-18 (June 16, 2008) (dismissing the application)</p> <p>Notes: The parties had moved to dismiss after DOT issued a notice requiring further information before the record could be declared substantially complete.</p>

American – Qantas	
Inactive	<p>Filed: June 7, 2011</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2011-0111</p> <p>Order: 2011-11-12 (November 9, 2011) (approving the JBA, antitrust immunity was not requested)</p>

American – Qantas	
Inactive	<p>Filed: June 9, 2015</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2015-0129</p> <p>Show Cause Order: 2016-11-16 (November 18, 2016) (tentatively disapproving the application and denying a grant of antitrust immunity)</p> <p>Order: 2016-12-15 (December 16, 2016) (dismissing the application and closing the docket)</p>

American – LATAM Airlines Group	
Inactive	<p>Filed: May 16, 2016</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2016-0087</p> <p>Order: Order 2019-2-18 (February 22, 2019) (dismissing the application and closing the docket)</p> <p>Notes: Procedural schedule suspended by notice (DOT-OST-2016-0087-0003) on May 26, 2016, pending the U.S. reaching an Open Skies agreement with Brazil.</p> <p>Once Open Skies was achieved, the Joint Applicants filed notice to withdraw and dismiss the proceeding (DOT-OST-2016-0087-0013) on February 14, 2019 in order to submit an updated application.</p> <p>The new application was filed in Docket DOT-OST-2019-0054. Application involved American, LATAM Airlines, LATAM Airlines Brazil, LAN Peru, LATAM Airlines Paraguay, LATAM Airlines Colombia.</p>

American – LATAM Airlines Group	
Inactive	<p>Filed: April 3, 2019</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2019-0054</p> <p>Order: Order 2019-10-12 (October 22, 2019) (dismissing the application and closing the docket)</p> <p>Notes: Joint applicants filed notice to withdraw (DOT-OST-2019-0054-0007) on October 1, 2019.</p> <p>Application involved American and LATAM Airlines Group S.A. for air transportation between the United States and Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.</p>

Delta – Austrian – Sabena – Swissair	
Inactive	<p>Filed: September 8, 1995</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-1995-618</p> <p>Final Order: Order 96-6-33 (June 14, 1996)</p> <p>Notes: When it was active, the alliance was subject to carve outs for U.S. point-of-sale time sensitive traffic in the Atlantic-Zurich, Atlanta-Brussels, Cincinnati-Zurich, New York-Brussels, New York-Vienna, New York- Geneva, and New York-Zurich markets. The Atlantic Excellence alliance ended on August 6, 2000. The docket was closed out by Order 2007-5-16 (May 24, 2007).</p>

Delta – Northwest – Air France – KLM – Alitalia – Czech Airlines (SkyTeam I Case)	
Inactive	<p>Filed: September 24, 2004</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2004-19214 (consolidated with the codeshare docket -19215 on October 24, 2004)</p> <p>Show Cause: Order 2005-12-12 (December 22, 2005) (tentatively denying the application for antitrust immunity)</p> <p>Final Order: Order 2006-2-1 (February 6, 2006) (granting a motion to dismiss immunity request but approving code-share authority)</p>

Delta – Air France – KLM – Air Tahiti Nui – Alitalia

Inactive

Filed: April 15, 2013

Docket: DOT-OST-2013-0077

Show Cause Order: Order 2014-3-17 (March 28, 2014) (tentatively denying a grant of antitrust immunity)

Order: Order 2014-4-31 (April 29, 2014) (granting the applicants' motion to dismiss without prejudice)

Notes: The application was dismissed upon motion of the parties following the show cause order.

Delta – Virgin Australia

Inactive

Filed: July 9, 2009

Docket: DOT-OST-2009-0155

Show Cause Order: Order 2011-5-8 (May 10, 2011): tentatively granting antitrust immunity based upon substantial changes to the application

Final Order: Order 2011-6-9 (June 10, 2011)

Notes: On February 3, 2022, the carriers submitted a letter relinquishing their antitrust immunity (DOT-OST-2009-0155-0064).

Delta – WestJet	
Inactive	<p>Filed: October 10, 2018</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2018-0154</p> <p>Show Cause Order: 2020-10-13 (October 23, 2020) (tentatively approving the alliance subject to conditions)</p> <p>Order: 2020-12-17 (December 21, 2020) (dismissing the proceeding and closing the docket)</p>

Hawaiian – Japan Airlines	
Inactive	<p>Filed: June 15, 2018</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2018-0084</p> <p>Show Cause Order: Order 2019-10-5 (October 3, 2019)</p> <p>Final Order: Order 2020-3-5 (March 13, 2020)</p> <p>Notes: The Department approved the alliance agreements but did not confer antitrust immunity to the joint venture.</p>

IATA	
Inactive	<p>Filed: July 6, 2006</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2006-25307</p> <p>Show Cause Order: Order 2006-7-3 (July 6, 2006)</p> <p>Final Order: Order 2007-3-23 (March 30, 2007) (revoking immunity for tariff conferences in major markets). Some immunity remains from other proceedings.</p>

IATA	
Pending	<p>Filed: April 29, 2016</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-2016-0071</p>

Northwest – KLM – Alitalia	
Inactive	<p>Filed: May 11, 1999</p> <p>Docket: DOT-OST-1999-5674</p> <p>Final Order: Order 99-12-5 (December 3, 1999)</p> <p>Notes: Alitalia terminated its relationship with the other parties on October 28, 2001. The docket was closed out by Order 2007-5-16 (May 24, 2007).</p>

Northwest – Malaysia

Inactive

Filed: January 13, 2000

Docket: DOT-OST-2000-6791

Final Order: Order 2000-10-12 (October 13, 2000)

Notes: The alliance was never implemented. The parties notified DOT in October 2005 of their intention not to pursue their alliance. The docket was closed out by Order 2007-5-16 (May 24, 2007).