

Permits were filed under subpart B (formerly subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (*See* 14 CFR 301.201 *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-2003-16018.

Date Filed: August 25, 2003.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: August 21, 2003.

Description: Application of Bluebird Cargo Ltd., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41302 and subpart B, requesting a foreign air carrier permit to authorize the carrier to provide all-cargo scheduled and charter services between: (1) Any point or points in Iceland and the United States; and (2) between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in a third country or countries.

Docket Number: OST-1999-6319.

Date Filed: August 28, 2003.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: September 18, 2003.

Description: Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 and subpart B, requesting to amend its experimental certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 564 (U.S.-Mexico) to incorporate authority for service between Los Angeles and Mexico City. Northwest also requests that the Department integrate this authority with all of Northwest's existing certificate and exemption authority to the extent consistent with U.S. bilateral agreements and DOT policy.

Docket Number: OST-2003-16063.

Date Filed: August 28, 2003.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: September 18, 2003.

Description: Application of Orient Thai Airlines Co., Ltd., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41301, *et seq.* and subpart B, requesting a foreign air carrier permit authorizing it to engage in scheduled and charter foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between points in Thailand, on the one hand, and the U.S. points New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco, on the other hand, either directly or via intermediate points in other countries, and any

charters pursuant to part 212 of the Department's regulations, as necessary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2002-13236]

Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of order designating ASAP information as protected from public disclosure under 14 CFR part 193.

SUMMARY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8000.82 designates information provided to the agency from a voluntary Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) as protected from public disclosure, including disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act or other laws. This designation is intended to encourage participation in the ASAP and wider sharing of ASAP information with the FAA. FAA Order 8000.82 is published in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 14 CFR part 193.

DATES: FAA Order 8000.82 became effective on September 3, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 40123; 14 CFR part 193.

Background

Under Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.) section 40123, certain voluntarily provided safety and security information is protected from disclosure in order to encourage persons to provide the information to the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA must first find that the information should be protected under the terms of section 40123. The FAA's rules for implementing section 40123 are in 14 CFR part 193. If the FAA issues an order designating information as protected, that information will not be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) or other laws, except as

provided in section 40123, part 193, and the order that designates the information as protected. This FAA order for ASAP is issued under 14 CFR 193.11, which sets forth the notice procedure for designating information as protected.

A notice of proposed order designating ASAP information as protected from disclosure was published in 67 FR 56774 on September 5, 2002. In response to the notice, comments were received by the FAA. Appendix 1 of Order 8000.82 summarizes those comments and provides the FAA responses. The order includes some changes from the proposed order to reflect some of those comments. In addition, the order includes changes for clarity, to ensure compliance with part 193, and to ensure conformity with FAA Advisory Circular 120-66B, which governs ASAP.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 10, 2003.

Nicholas A. Sabatini,

Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification.

FAA Order 8000.82—Designation of Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) Information as Protected From Public Disclosure Under 14 CFR Part 193

1. *Purpose.* This order designates information received by the agency from an Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) as protected from public disclosure in accordance with the provisions of title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 193.

2. *Distribution.* This order is distributed to the branch level in the Washington headquarters Flight Standards Service; Aviation System Standards, all Regional Administrators; to the Directors of the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center and the Europe, Africa, and Middle East area Office; to the Regulatory Standards Division at the FAA Academy; to the branch level in the regional Flight Standards Divisions; to all Flight Standards District Offices; to all International and Aeronautical Quality Assurance Field Offices; to all Flight Standards Certificate Management Offices; and to all Aircraft Evaluation Groups.

3. *Background.* Under Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.), section 40123, certain voluntarily provided safety and security information is protected from disclosure in order to encourage persons to provide the information to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The FAA must first issue an order that specifies why the agency finds that the information should be protected in accordance with 49 U.S.C., section 40123. The FAA's rules for implementing that section are in 14 CFR part 193. If the Administrator issues an order designating information as protected under 49 U.S.C., section 40123, that information will not be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 of the United States Code (5 U.S.C.), section 552) or other laws,