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NOTICE

**U.S.-China Zone 1 All-Cargo Charter Authorizations  
for the Remainder of the 2020/2021 Charter Year**

By this Notice, the U.S. Department of Transportation advises U.S. carriers of the availability of additional charter opportunities between the United States and the People's Republic of China for the remainder of the 2020/2021 charter year (*i.e.*, through July 31, 2021).

On August 10, 2020, the Department received a response from the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) to the United States' proposal to waive the 75-flight limit as it applies to all-cargo operations on charter flights between the United States and points in China Zone 1 (Zone 1).<sup>1</sup> The CAAC has agreed to the proposal. That is, air carriers of both sides may operate all-cargo charter flights between Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou and U.S. points with no frequency limitation through July 31, 2021.

Accordingly, the allocation procedures announced by our July 28, 2020 Notice are no longer necessary with respect to U.S.-carrier all-cargo charter flights to China Zone 1 points.<sup>2</sup> U.S. carriers are not required to obtain a Notice of Consistency in order to perform a China Zone 1 all-cargo charter operation before July 31, 2021. However, carriers should be aware that this decision does not relieve U.S. carriers of their obligation to file a notification of proposed charter flights with the Chinese authorities.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> China Zone 1 consists of Shanghai, Beijing, and Guangzhou. Under the U.S.-China Air Transport Agreement (as amended), each Party shall approve applications by the airlines of the other Party for 75 one-way charter flights annually, from August 1 of each year, in China Zone 1 (Zone 1) - U.S. city-pair markets served by Chinese carriers' scheduled services of the same type (combination or all-cargo).

<sup>2</sup> See July 28, 2020 Notice in Docket DOT-OST-1998-20. The procedures in that Notice will continue to apply to combination charters between the United States and points in China Zone 1, and to all charters between the United States and points in China Zone 2.

<sup>3</sup> While the United States Government continues its efforts in responding to the Covid-19 situation, the Department requests that carriers provide a summary on Monday of each week of their Zone 1 all-cargo charters performed during the preceding seven days. The summaries may be submitted by email to [ScheduleFiling@dot.gov](mailto:ScheduleFiling@dot.gov).

We will serve this notice on all U.S. certificated air carriers authorized to operate large aircraft and all U.S. operators that have received U.S.-China charter authorizations during recent charter years.

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