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LATAM Airlines Argentina	)	
	)	Docket DOT-OST-2007-0034
for an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301	)	
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### **APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION**

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LAN Argentina S.A. d/b/a LATAM Airlines Argentina ("LATAM Argentina") hereby requests renewal of the exemption in the captioned docket permitting it to engage in:

- A. Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between points in Argentina and fourteen (14) points in the United States, and beyond to three (3) points in Canada, four (4) points in Asia (except Japan, China and the Philippines), eight (8) points in Europe, four (4) points in Mexico, and points in the Caribbean, Central America and South America;
- B. Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between points in Argentina and five (5) additional points in the United States on a codeshare basis only; and
- C. Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between points in Argentina and five (5) additional points in the United States on a codeshare basis only, in conjunction with a designated airline of the United States.

LATAM Argentina requests renewal of this exemption for a one-year period on its existing terms and conditions. LATAM Argentina invokes the automatic extension provision of 5 USC 558(c), as implemented in the Department's Economic Regulations by 14 C.F.R. 377 to maintain this authorization in effect pending a decision on its renewal application.

In support of this renewal request, LATAM Argentina states the following:

- 1. On April 5, 2019, the Department of Transportation ("Department") last renewed LATAM Argentina's exemption authority to operate and market the services which are the subject of this application. This exemption will expire April 5, 2020.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. Renewal of this exemption will permit LATAM Argentina to continue developing the range of services it offers between the United States and Argentina, and will provide LATAM Argentina the full flexibility of operation contemplated by the bilateral. LATAM Argentina remains designated and authorized by the Government of Argentina to operate these services.
- 3. To the extent LATAM Argentina engages in codeshare service with a designated U.S. carrier, LATAM Argentina will comply with all codeshare notification requirements of the Department. All codeshare services will be operated in accordance with the disclosure requirements of 14 C.F.R. 257.
- 4. Renewal of this exemption would be consistent with the terms of the U.S.-Argentina bilateral agreement, as amended. Renewal would also be consistent with the public interest. *See*, Statement of United States International Air Transportation Policy,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Notice of Action Taken, Docket DOT-OST-2007-0034, April 5, 2019

60 Fed.Reg. 21841, 21842, May 3, 1995, recognizing the public benefits offered by

codeshare arrangements involving U.S. and foreign air carriers.

5. This renewal application raises no environmental or energy issues. All

operations are performed entirely with modern aircraft that meet all noise requirements

applicable to operations at all respective airports. Similarly, approval of this renewal

application will not result in a near-term increase in fuel consumption of ten million

gallons or more.

WHEREFORE, LATAM Argentina respectfully requests that its existing

exemption be renewed for a period of one year on its existing terms and conditions, as

more fully set forth above, or that the Department grant such further, different and

additional relief as the Department may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVCE**

I hereby certify that one copy of the foregoing Application for Renewal of Exemption has this day been served on each of the following individuals via e-mail.

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