

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Application of)	
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INTER ISLAND CHARTERS LTD.)	DOCKET DOT-OST-2009-0039
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for an exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301)	
(Bahamas-Florida charters))	
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APPLICATION OF INTER ISLAND CHARTERS LTD.
FOR RENEWAL OF AN EXEMPTION

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NOTICE: Any person may support or oppose this application by filing an answer and serving a copy of the answer on counsel for Inter Island and upon persons served with this application no later than April 21, 2020.

April 6, 2020

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INTER ISLAND CHARTERS LTD.)	DOCKET DOT-OST-2009-0039
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Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109(c), Inter Island Charters Ltd. respectfully requests renewal of the above-captioned exemption, granted by Notice of Action Taken dated April 8, 2019 (the "Notice"), for an additional, two-year period. The Notice permits Inter Island to engage in charter foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between a point or points in the Bahamas and a point or points in Florida, and other charters pursuant to 14 CFR Part 212 of the Department's regulations, using small aircraft. Inter Island intends to invoke the automatic extension provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 558(c) and Part 377 of the Department's Special Regulations. In support of this application, Inter Island states as follows:

1. Inter Island is a Bahamian flag carrier and operates Bahamas-Florida charter service under the above-captioned authority, providing significant benefits to the traveling public. It remains licensed by the Bahamian Department of Civil Aviation to perform charter air transportation.

2. Inter Island's prior authority was granted under longstanding principles of comity and reciprocity supporting Bahamas-U.S. charter operations. But now Annex I of the new, liberalized, U.S.-Bahamas Air Transport Agreement dated January 27, 2020 provides that Bahamian carriers are entitled to operate "from points behind The Bahamas via The Bahamas and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond."

3. Under 49 U.S.C. § 40109(c), the Department may grant an exemption if it finds that such a grant is consistent with the public interest. In issuing the Notice, the Department recognized that the licensing of Inter Island by its homeland government to operate charter service was sufficient under the U.S.-Bahamas aviation relationship to justify exemption authority. More recently, the Department has granted small-aircraft, Bahamas-U.S. charter authority on the strength of the new air transport agreement. *See Azure Aviation, Ltd.*, Notice of Action Taken dated Feb. 4, 2020 in Docket

OST-2019-0147. Further, the public interest is clearly served by maintaining a variety of competitive air service options between Florida and the Bahamas.

WHEREFORE, Inter Island Charters Ltd. respectfully requests that the Department renew the above-captioned exemption and grant such other relief as may be necessary or proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have, this 6th day of April, 2020, caused a copy of the foregoing Application for Renewal to be served by electronic mail on the following persons:

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