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EXEMPTION AUTHORITY**

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Pursuant to Section 40109 of Title 49 of the United States Code and Section 302 of the Department's Economic Regulations, Royal Air Maroc (RAM) hereby applies for renewal of its existing exemption authority to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Casablanca, Morocco (CMN) and Miami, Florida (MIA). The authority for which RAM is requesting renewal was initially granted on August 1, 2018 and is scheduled to terminate on August 1, 2020. RAM requests that its exemption authority be renewed for an additional two-year period. In filing this application, RAM relies upon the automatic extension provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 558(c), as implemented by 14 CFR Part 377, to continue its current authority in effect pending Department action on this application.

In support of this Application, Royal Air Maroc states as follows:

1. By application dated July 26, 2018, RAM requested exemption authority pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40109 to the extent necessary to enable RAM to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Casablanca, Morocco (CMN) and Miami,

Florida (MIA). By Notice dated August 1, 2018, the Department determined that grant of the authority requested was consistent with Department policy and with the public interest, as well as with the Air Transport Agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Morocco. The Department also determined that RAM was qualified to provide the services for which authority was requested. Based on those findings, the Department granted RAM exemption authority for an initial two-year period August 1, 2020.

2. RAM is a flag carrier of Morocco. It was founded in 1953 and, except for recent interruptions due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, has operated continuously since that time. Prior to the pandemic, RAM operated scheduled service within Morocco, and between Morocco and numerous points in Europe, Africa, North America, South America, and the Middle East. It served New York (JFK) pursuant to its foreign air carrier permit issued by Order 1975-2-61 in Docket 26260, since 1975. RAM began service to Miami in April 2019. RAM also holds exemption authority to serve Washington, DC (IAD) and Boston, and it has operated scheduled service to Washington and Boston since September 2016 and June 2019, respectively.<sup>1</sup> RAM's more than forty-year history of operating successful service to the United States demonstrates that it is fully qualified to continue to operate the Miami service for which renewal authority is requested here.

3. Aviation relations between the United States and Morocco are governed by the open skies Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco (2001) ("Agreement"). Annex 1 to that Agreement

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<sup>1</sup> Notices of Action Taken dated December 17, 2015, February 26, 2018, and April 8, 2020 in Docket DOT-OST-2015-0262; and dated February 1, 2019 in Docket DOT-OST-2019-0003.

provides for Moroccan carriers to operate scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail from points behind Morocco via Morocco and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond. That grant of authority encompasses the Casablanca-Miami authority for which renewal is requested here.

4. All of the factors which supported the Department's initial approval and subsequent renewal remain in place and support grant of this application for renewal of the exemption authority required to enable RAM to continue to operate Casablanca (CMN) - Miami, Florida (MIA) service for an additional two-year period.

ACCORDINGLY, for the reasons discussed above, Royal Air Maroc respectfully submits that renewal of its previously granted exemption authority would continue to be consistent with the public interest, and it respectfully requests grant of this application for renewal of its exemption authority as described above.

Respectfully submitted,

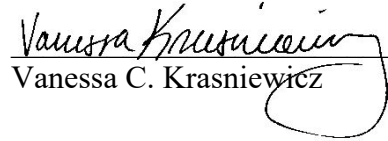


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