



**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation

**DEPARTMENT ACTION ON APPLICATION IN DOCKET DOT-OST-2020-0021  
filed February 10, 2020**

**Application of Icelandair, ehf. (Icelandair) for a blanket statement of authorization for an indefinite duration under 14 CFR Part 212 to permit it to display the BT\* designator code of Air Baltic, on flights operated by Icelandair in conjunction with foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between points in the European Union/European Common Aviation Area and points in the United States.**

Approved under assigned authority (14 CFR § 385.13)

Date of Action: March 11, 2020

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Leary", positioned above a horizontal line.

Director, Office of International Aviation

This action is subject to the conditions attached. Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this action under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, should file their petitions within seven days of the date of this action. This action is effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter its effectiveness.

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**The code-share operations authorized here are subject to the following conditions:**

(a) The statement of authorization will remain in effect only as long as (i) Icelandair and Air Baltic continue to hold the necessary underlying authority to operate the code-share services at issue, and (ii) the code-share agreement providing for the code-share operations remains in effect.

(b) Icelandair and Air Baltic must promptly notify the Department if the code-share agreement providing for the code-share operations is no longer effective or the carriers decide to cease operating the approved code-share services. Such notice should be filed in Docket DOT-OST-2020-0021.<sup>1</sup>

(c) Icelandair and Air Baltic must notify the Department no later than 30 days before they begin any new code-share service under the code-share services authorized here. Such notice shall identify the market(s) to be served and the date on which the services will begin.<sup>2</sup> Such notices shall be filed in Docket DOT-OST-2020-0021.<sup>3</sup>

d) The code-sharing operations conducted under this authority must comply with 14 CFR 257 and with any amendments to the Department's regulations concerning code-share arrangements that may be adopted. Notwithstanding any provisions in the contract between the carriers, our approval here is expressly conditioned upon the requirements that the subject foreign air transportation be sold in the name of the carrier holding out such service in the computer reservation systems and elsewhere; that the carrier selling such transportation (i.e., the carrier shown on the ticket) accept responsibility for the entirety of the code-share journey for all obligations established in its contract of carriage with the passenger; and that the passenger liability of the operating carrier be unaffected.

(e) The authority granted here is specifically conditioned so that neither Icelandair nor Air Baltic shall give any force or effect to any contractual provisions between themselves that are contrary to these conditions.

(f) We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted at any time without hearing at our discretion.

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<sup>1</sup> We expect this notification to be received within 10 days of such non-effectiveness or of such decision.

<sup>2</sup> Avianca provides notice in its application of its intent to engage in code-share services to open skies points. Avianca states that it will notify the Department no later than 30 days before commencing any codeshare services to non-open skies points.

<sup>3</sup> Icelandair provides notice in its application of its intent to display the Air Baltic code on services Icelandair operates pursuant to its Open Skies permit authority. Icelandair states that it will provide the Department with at least 30 days advance notice before commencing code-share service to any non-open skies point.