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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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In the Matter of
14 CFR Part 213 Amendment of Order 2020-6-1: Involving Certain Foreign Air Carriers of China
Docket DOT-OST-2020-0052

NOTICE APPROVING CERTAIN SCHEDULES

Summary

The U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department) is issuing this Notice to provide additional information with respect to the specific schedules that have been approved and disapproved both prior to and following the issuance of Order 2023-5-6.

Background

By Order 2020-6-1, issued in this Docket on June 3, 2020, the Department suspended all Chinese-carrier scheduled passenger air services between the United States and China. On June 5, 2020, the Department issued Order 2020-6-3, modifying Order 2020-6-1 so as to permit two weekly flights by Chinese carriers. Soon thereafter, in another modification of Order 2020-6-1, the Department issued Order 2020-6-6 on June 15, 2020, increasing authorized Chinese-carrier services to an aggregate total of four weekly flights. After this action, the Department authorized the following once-weekly services pursuant to filed schedules: Air China (Beijing-Los Angeles); China Eastern (Shanghai-New York (JFK)); China Southern (Guangzhou-Los Angeles); and Xiamen Airlines (Xiamen-Los Angeles).

With respect to any other schedules that had been or would subsequently be filed by Chinese carriers, on July 30, 2020, the Department issued Order 2020-7-19, which disapproved: (1) proposed schedules filed at that time by the specified Chinese carriers pursuant to Department Order 2020-5-4 (except for the four weekly services specified above); and (2) until further notice of the Department, any proposed schedules that may be subsequently filed by the specified Chinese carriers.

Subsequently, on August 18, 2020, by Order 2020-8-6, the Department again modified Order 2020-6-1, to permit Chinese carriers at that time to operate, in the aggregate, a total of eight weekly round-trip scheduled passenger flights to and from the United States. The Department

did not specify which four weekly flights would be added to the existing four weekly flights. Following the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) making that determination, the Department authorized the below eight weekly services:

Air China

(CA987) 1x weekly Beijing (PEK)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing PEK on Sunday
(CA988) 1x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Beijing (PEK) service departing LAX on Sunday

(CA769) 1x weekly Shenzhen (SZX)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing SZX on Tuesday
(CA770) 1x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Shenzhen (SZX) service departing LAX on Tuesday

China Eastern

(MU587) 2x weekly Shanghai (PVG)-New York (JFK) service departing PVG on Monday and Tuesday, and (MU588) 2x weekly New York (JFK)-Shanghai (PVG) service departing JFK on Monday and Wednesday

China Southern

(CZ327) 1x weekly Guangzhou (CAN)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing CAN on Saturday
(CZ328) 1x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Guangzhou (CAN) service departing LAX on Sunday

(CZ699) 1x weekly Guangzhou (CAN)-New York (JFK) service departing CAN on Thursday
(CZ600) 1x weekly New York (JFK)-Guangzhou (CAN) service departing JFK on Saturday

Xiamen Airlines

(MF829) 2x weekly Xiamen (XMN)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing XMN on Thursday and Sunday, and (MF830) 2x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Xiamen (XMN) service departing LAX on Monday and Friday

The Department reiterates that, pursuant to the terms of our previous orders in this docket, the schedules for the original eight weekly flights may not be modified unless expressly authorized by the Department.

On May 3, 2023, the Department issued Order 2023-5-6 in Docket DOT-OST 2020-0052 to further modify Order 2020-6-1 to permit the specified combination carriers of China to operate, in the aggregate, a total of twelve weekly round-trip scheduled passenger flights to and from the United States, effective immediately. The Department did not specify which four weekly flights would be added to the existing eight weekly flights.

Following the issuance of Order 2023-5-6, Air China, China Eastern, China Southern, and Xiamen Airlines all filed new schedules with the Department, consisting of the existing approved services as noted above along with notice of the new four recently authorized services. A summary of the existing and new services collectively encompassed by those schedules is below:

Air China's schedule filing of May 9, 2023, in which it adds, effective May 27, 2023, a new weekly Beijing (PEK)-New York (JFK) service (CA981 departing PEK on Saturday/CA982 departing JFK on Sunday) to its existing 1x weekly PEK-LAX and 1x weekly SZX-LAX services;

China Eastern's schedule filing of May 8, 2023, in which it adds, effective May 20, 2023, a new weekly Shanghai (PVG)-Los Angeles (LAX) service (MU583 departing PVG on Saturday/MU586 departing LAX on Sunday) to its existing 2x weekly PVG-JFK services;

China Southern's schedule filing of May 9, 2023, in which it adds, effective May 29, 2023, a second weekly Guangzhou (CAN)-Los Angeles (LAX) service (CZ327 departing CAN on Monday/CZ328 departing LAX on Tuesday) to its existing 1x weekly CAN-LAX and 1x weekly CAN-JFK services; and

Xiamen Airlines' schedule filing of May 8, 2023, in which it adds, effective May 30, 2023, a third weekly Xiamen (XMN)-Los Angeles (LAX) service (MF829 departing XMM on Tuesday/MU830 departing LAX on Wednesday) to its existing 2x weekly XMN-LAX services.

As is the case with the schedules for the previously authorized eight weekly services, the schedules for these new four weekly flights may not be modified unless expressly authorized by the Department. To the extent that any additional schedules or parts thereof have been or are later filed by Chinese carriers beyond those for the existing eight previously approved services and the new four weekly flights explicitly approved as specified here, consistent with Order 2020-7-19, such schedules are disapproved absent further action by the Department.

We will serve this Order on Air China Limited d/b/a/ Air China; Beijing Capital Airlines Co., Ltd.; China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited; China Southern Airlines Company Limited; Hainan Airlines Holding Co. Ltd.; Sichuan Airlines Co., Ltd.; and Xiamen Airlines; all certificated U.S. carriers operating large aircraft; the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Washington, D.C.; the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC); the Department of State; the Transportation Security Administration; and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this action under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of this document. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review does not alter such effectiveness.

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