



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Served: November 8, 2023

In the Matter of

**14 CFR Part 213 Amendment of Order 2020-6-1 Regarding:**

**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 Company Limited; Sichuan  
Airlines Co., Ltd.; and Xiamen Airlines**

**Docket DOT-OST-2020-0052**

**NOTICE APPROVING CERTAIN SCHEDULES**

**Summary**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department) is issuing this Notice to approve schedules that have been filed in the referenced Docket in response to Order 2023-10-9. As specified below, these approved schedules provide for an aggregate total of thirty-five (35) authorized Chinese carrier-operated weekly round-trip scheduled passenger flights between China and the United States.

**Background**

On October 27, 2023, the Department issued Order 2023-10-9 in Docket DOT-OST 2020-0052, to further modify Order 2020-6-1 to permit the above-captioned combination carriers of China to operate additional weekly round-trip scheduled passenger flights to and from the United States. Pursuant to that Order, effective November 9, 2023, the specified Chinese carriers were authorized to operate, in the aggregate, a total of thirty-five (35) weekly round-trip scheduled passenger flights to and from the United States. This represents an increase of eleven weekly flights to the previously approved aggregate total of twenty-four Chinese carrier operated weekly round-trip scheduled passenger flights.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Department Notices issued in this Docket on August 21, 2023 (approving schedules for an aggregate total of eighteen (18) weekly round-trip scheduled passenger flights) and September 26, 2023 (approving schedules for an aggregate total of twenty-four (24) weekly round-trip scheduled passenger flights).

Following the issuance of Order 2023-10-9, Air China, China Eastern, and China Southern filed new schedules with the Department, consisting of their existing previously approved aggregate total of twenty-one (21) weekly services as set forth in the Department's September 26, 2023, Notice in this Docket, along with notice of proposed new schedules to conduct a total of six of the eleven new weekly services that become available effective November 9, 2023.<sup>2</sup> With respect to the remaining five new weekly services that become available effective November 9, 2023, Hainan Airlines filed notice of proposed new schedules for three weekly services and Sichuan Airlines filed notice of proposed new schedules for two weekly services.

Accordingly, in the instant Notice, we are approving, effective November 9, 2023, schedules for the eleven additional weekly flights, bringing the aggregate total of authorized Chinese carrier-operated weekly round-trip scheduled passenger flights between China and the United States to thirty-five (35).<sup>3</sup> A summary of the services provided by the approved schedules is below.

### **Air China – 11 Weekly Services**

#### Authorized Prior To Order 2023-5-6:

(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

#### Authorized After Order 2023-5-6:

(CA981) 1x weekly Beijing (PEK)-New York (JFK) service departing PEK on Saturday  
(CA982) 1x weekly New York (JFK)-Beijing (PEK) service departing JFK on Saturday

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(CA983) 1x weekly Beijing (PEK)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing PEK on Friday  
(CA984) 1x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Beijing (PEK) service departing LAX on Friday

(CA981) 1x weekly Beijing (PEK)-New York (JFK) service departing PEK on Wednesday  
(CA982) 1x weekly New York (JFK)-Beijing (PEK) service departing JFK on Wednesday

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(CA985) 2x weekly Beijing (PEK)-San Francisco (SFO) service departing PEK on Wednesday and Saturday

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<sup>2</sup> While Xiamen Airlines did not file schedules for the new services authorized by Order 2023-10-9, its previously filed schedules for its existing three weekly Xiamen-Los Angeles services also remain approved, as included in the summary below.

<sup>3</sup> The Department waives the 30-day advance filing requirement set forth in Order 2020-5-4 for schedules filed in response to the eleven new weekly services authorized by Order 2023-10-9, and will exempt those schedules, but only those schedules, from the terms of ordering paragraphs 1 and 2 of Order 2020-7-19.

(CA986) 2x weekly San Francisco (SFO)-Beijing (PEK) service departing SFO on Wednesday and Saturday

(CA981) 1x weekly Beijing (PEK)-New York (JFK) service departing PEK on Monday  
(CA982) 1x weekly New York (JFK)-Los Angeles (LAX)-Beijing (PEK) service departing JFK/LAX on Monday

(CA982) – Addition of Los Angeles (LAX) stopover on two previously approved New York (JFK)-Beijing (PEK) flights on Wednesday and Saturday

Authorized By This Notice - Schedules Filed November 3, 2023

Beginning November 21, 2023

(CA817) 2x weekly Beijing (PEK)-Washington, DC (IAD) weekly service departing PEK on Tuesday and Saturday

(CA818) 2x weekly Washington (IAD)-Los Angeles (LAX)-Beijing (PEK) service departing IAD on Tuesday and Saturday<sup>4</sup>

Beginning November 23, 2023

(CA983) 1x weekly Beijing (PEK)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing PEK on Thursday  
(CA984) 1x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Beijing (PEK) service departing LAX on Thursday

**China Eastern – 9 Weekly Services**

Authorized Prior To Order 2023-5-6:

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

(MU588) 2x weekly New York (JFK)-Shanghai (PVG) service departing JFK on Tuesday and Thursday

Authorized After Order 2023-5-6:

(MU583) 1x weekly Shanghai (PVG)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing PVG on Sunday  
(MU586) 1x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Shanghai (PVG) service departing LAX on Monday

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<sup>4</sup> On November 3, 2023, Air China filed in Docket DOT-OST-2014-0008 a corresponding application for exemption authority to the extent necessary to permit it to serve Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles on a coterminal basis on this route to Beijing beginning on November 21, 2023. We are acting concurrently on that request.

Authorized By Department Notice Issued August 21, 2023

(MU583) 2x weekly Shanghai (PVG)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing PVG on Wednesday and Friday

(MU586) 2x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Shanghai (PVG) service departing LAX on Thursday and Saturday

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(MU589) 2x weekly Shanghai (PVG)-San Francisco (SFO) service departing PVG on Friday and Sunday

(MU590) 2x weekly San Francisco (SFO)-Shanghai (PVG) service departing SFO on Tuesday and Sunday

Authorized By This Notice - Schedules Filed November 2, 2023

Beginning November 25, 2023:

(MU583) 2x weekly Shanghai (PVG)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing PVG on Monday and Saturday

(MU586) 2x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Shanghai (PVG) service departing LAX on Tuesday and Sunday

**China Southern – 7 Weekly Services**

Authorized Prior To Order 2023-5-6:

(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 Saturday

(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

Authorized After Order 2023-5-6:

(CZ327) 1x weekly Guangzhou (CAN)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing CAN on Monday

(CZ328) 1x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Guangzhou (CAN) service departing LAX on Monday

Authorized By Department Notice Issued August 21, 2023

(CZ327) 2x weekly Guangzhou (CAN)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing CAN on Wednesday and Friday

(CZ328) 2x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Guangzhou (CAN) service departing LAX on Wednesday and Friday

Authorized By Department Notice Issued September 26, 2023

(CZ659) 1x weekly Wuhan (WUH)-San Francisco (SFO) service departing WUH on Saturday  
(CZ660) 1x weekly San Francisco (SFO)-Wuhan (WUH) service departing SFO on Sunday

Authorized By This Notice - Schedules Filed November 6, 2023

Beginning November 30, 2023:

(CZ659) 1x weekly Wuhan (WUH)-San Francisco (SFO) service departing WUH on Thursday  
(CZ660) 1x weekly San Francisco (SFO)-Wuhan (WUH) service departing SFO on Friday

**Xiamen Airlines – 3 Weekly Services**

Authorized Prior To Order 2023-5-6:

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

Authorized After Order 2023-5-6:

(MF829) 1x weekly Xiamen (XMN)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing XMN on Tuesday  
(MF830) 1x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Xiamen (XMN) service departing LAX on Wednesday

**Hainan Airlines – 3 Weekly Services**

Authorized By This Notice - Schedules Filed November 6, 2023, as amended November 8, 2023

Beginning November 26, 2023:

(HU729) 3x weekly Beijing (PEK)-Boston (BOS) service departing PEK on Wednesday, Friday,  
and Sunday

(HU730) 3x weekly Boston (BOS)-Seattle (SEA)-Beijing (PEK) service departing BOS on  
Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> On November 8, 2023, Hainan filed in Docket DOT-OST-2007-0066 a corresponding application for exemption authority to the extent necessary to permit it to serve Boston and Seattle on a coterminal basis on this route to Beijing beginning on November 26, 2023. We are acting concurrently on that request.

## Sichuan Airlines – 2 Weekly Services

Authorized By This Notice - Schedules Filed November 7, 2023

Beginning November 24, 2023:

(3U3837) 2x weekly Chengdu (CTG)-Los Angeles (LAX) service departing CTG on Tuesday and Friday

(3U3838) 2x weekly Los Angeles (LAX)-Hangzhou (HGH)<sup>6</sup>-Chengdu (CTG) service departing LAX on Tuesday and Friday

As is the case with the schedules for the previously authorized twenty-four (24) weekly services, the schedules we are approving for these eleven new weekly flights authorized above 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 twenty-four (24) previously approved services and the eleven new 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 Notice 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 Company Limited; 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.

By:

**BENJAMIN J. TAYLOR**  
Director  
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<sup>6</sup> Technical stop.