

programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: July 11, 2008.

**Mary Glenn-Croft,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance and Management.*

**Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB)**

*A. Participating Agencies*

SSA and RRB.

*B. Purpose of the Matching Program*

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the conditions, safeguards and procedures under which the RRB agrees to disclose RRB annuity payment data to the SSA. This disclosure will provide SSA with information necessary to verify Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program and Special Veterans Benefits (SVB) eligibility and benefit payment amounts. It also helps to ensure that correct recording on the Supplemental Security Income Record (SSR) of railroad annuity amounts paid to SSI and SVB recipients by RRB. The SSI program provides payments to aged, blind and disabled recipients with income and resources at or below levels established by law and regulations. The SVB program provides similar benefits to certain World War II veterans.

*C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program*

The legal authority for the SSI portion of this matching program is contained in sections 1631(e)(1)(A) and (B) and 1631(f) of the Social Security Act ("the Act"), (42 U.S.C. 1383 (e)(1)(A) and (B) and 1383(f)). The legal authority for the SVB portion of this matching program is contained in section 806(b) of the Act, (42 U.S.C. 1006 (b)).

*D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program*

On the basis of certain identifying information as provided by SSA to RRB, RRB will provide SSA with electronic files containing annuity payment data from RRB's system of records, RRB-22 Railroad Retirement, Survivor, and Pensioner Benefits System, entitled Checkwriting Integrated Computer Operation (CHICO) Benefit Payment Master. SSA will then match the RRB data with data maintained in the SSR, SSA/OASSIS, 60-0103 system of records. SVB data also resides on the SSR.

*E. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program*

The matching program will become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and OMB, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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**Notice of Disposition of Electronic Scanning and Storage of Certain Nonimmigrant Records**

**SUMMARY:** The Department has determined that electronic scanned records of Category I nonimmigrant visa refusals and nonimmigrant visa applications (Form DS-156 [OMB-1405-018]) are to be treated as the official or original records of the Department of State. In accordance with The Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), the Department's scanned records are not to be denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability merely because they are in electronic form.

In October 21, 1998, Congress enacted the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) which required, when practicable, Federal agencies to use electronic processes to conduct agency business. The purpose of the GPEA was to preclude agencies or courts from systematically treating electronic documents and signatures less favorably than their paper counterparts. In accordance with the GPEA, the Department of State launched the electronic scanning initiative in October 2001, which began the scanning of Category I nonimmigrant visa refusal paper records at selected posts. By May 2004, the Department of State expanded this scanning initiative to all posts. As of March 31, 2008, the Department has maintained the scanning of all Category I nonimmigrant visa refusal paper records and has also expanded its scanning initiative to include the scanning of nonimmigrant visa applications (Form DS-156 [OMB-1405-0018]) at selected high-volume posts.

By expanding the scanning initiative, the Department of State seeks to:

- Reduce costs associated with physical storage and improve access to these records with an electronic

information management (EIM) interface.

- Manage millions of records and retrieve the ones that are needed expeditiously.
- Share documents with other offices or access them remotely while protecting confidential information.
- Create reports relating to case management, workload, and level-of-effort quantifications.

**Will these records be considered "official" for all purposes?**

Yes. Since the scanned, electronically stored records replicates the original paper documents, the scanned versions are to be considered the official or original records for all legal and other purposes.

**What are "Category I" records?**

Generally, but not always, Category I refusals are permanent in nature, as opposed to Category II refusals that are based on circumstances that may change and allow an applicant to overcome his or her visa ineligibility.

For example, a case involving a person convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude would be entered as a Category I refusal because the basis for the finding of ineligibility is predicated on a permanent condition, i.e., the conviction. However, the case of a person who is determined by a consular officer to be ineligible for a visa as a result of having incurred one year or more of unlawful presence in the United States would be entered as a Category II refusal because an ineligibility on that ground remains in effect for ten years following the person's departure or removal from the United States, and thereafter would not provide a basis for a refusal.

**Under what authority is the Department of State converting these records?**

Section 1732 of Title 28 of the United States Code (Record made in regular course of business; photographic copies) establishes the admissibility of electronic (copied) documents.

**Is the electronic conversion of these documents temporary or permanent?**

The Department has determined that the electronic conversion of Category I records is to be permanent.

**Will these records be readily available for review?**

No. In compliance with existing statutory requirements, these records are generally available only for internal use with respect to the issuance or denial of visas or permits to enter the United

States or shared with Executive Branch authorities charged with administering or enforcing the laws of the United States exclusively for such purposes. Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act stipulates that, except as it relates to the discretionary authority of the Secretary of State to provide information to a court or a foreign government, the records of the Department of State and of diplomatic and consular offices of the United States pertaining to the issuance or refusal of visas or permits to enter the United States shall be considered confidential and shall be used only for the formulation, amendment, administration, or enforcement of the immigration, nationality, and other laws of the United States.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Partap Singh Verma, of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. St., NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-1203.

Dated: July 21, 2008.

**Janice Jacobs,**

*Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs,  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending July 11, 2008

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* DOT-OST-2008-0213.

*Date Filed:* July 8, 2008.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* July 29, 2008.

*Description:* Application of Jet2.com Limited ("Jet2.com") requesting

issuance of a foreign air carrier permit to the full extent authorized by the Air Transport Agreement between the United States and the European Community and the Member States of the European Community (the "US-EC Agreement") to enable Jet2.com to engage in: (a) Foreign scheduled and charter air transportation of persons, property and mail from any point or points behind any Member State of the European Union, via any point or points in any Member State and via intermediate points to any point or points in the United States and beyond; (b) foreign scheduled and charter air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in any member of the European Common Aviation Area; (c) foreign scheduled and charter cargo air transportation between any point or points in the United States and any point or points; (d) other charters pursuant to prior approval; and (e) transportation authorized by any additional route rights made available to European Community carriers in the future (subject to the condition that, before Jet2.com commences any new service under this provision, it must provide the Department evidence that it holds a homeland license for that new service). Jet2.com also requests exemption authority to the extent necessary to enable it to hold out and provide the service described above pending issuance of a foreign air carrier permit and such additional or other relief as the Department may deem necessary or appropriate.

**Renee V. Wright,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending July 11, 2008

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the Sections 412 and 414 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1383 and 1384) and procedures governing proceedings to enforce these provisions. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

*Docket Number:* DOT-OST-2008-0218.

*Date Filed:* July 10, 2008.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* Technical Correction: Mail Vote 572—Resolution 010b, TC3 Between South East Asia and South Asian, Subcontinent, Special Passenger Amending Resolution, from Viet Nam to South Asian Subcontinent (Memo 1222), *Intended effective date:* 1 August 2008.

**Renee V. Wright**

*Program Manager, Docket Operations,  
Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Application of Priester Aviation, LLC for Certificate Authority

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Order to Show Cause (Order 2008-7-0067); Dockets DOT-OST-2008-0066 and DOT-OST-2008-0067.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation is directing all interested persons to show cause why it should not issue an order finding Priester Aviation, LLC, fit, willing, and able, and awarding it certificates of public convenience and necessity to engage in interstate and foreign charter air transportation of persons, property and mail.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than August 8, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Objections and answers to objections should be filed in Dockets DOT-OST-2008-0066 and DOT-OST-2008-0067 and addressed to U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, (M-30, Room W12-140), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590, and should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Damon D. Walker, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room W86-465), U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-7785.

Dated: July 23, 2008.

**Michael W. Reynolds,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.*

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