

EDITORIAL NOTE:

This issue contains the text of the first ‘open skies’ Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the US Department of Transportation to a US carrier, American Airlines. It authorizes AA “to provide combination service to all of [the US] foreign aviation partners that have entered into an open skies agreement with the United States where that agreement is being applied.” The authority automatically includes the right to serve every new open skies country that becomes available to US carriers. Also in the light of the EU – US ‘open aviation area’ agreement yet to enter into force, this is a historic and important document which should be of interest to our readers.

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