

## PART 223—FREE AND REDUCED-RATE TRANSPORTATION

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### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 223.1 Definitions.

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires:

An *affiliate* of a carrier means a person:

- (a) Who controls that carrier, or is controlled by that carrier or by another person who controls or is controlled by that carrier; and
- (b) Whose principal business in purpose or in fact is:
  - (1) The holding of stock in one or more carriers;
  - (2) Transportation by air or the sale of tickets therefor;
  - (3) The operation of one or more airports, one or more of which are used by that carrier or by another carrier who controls or is controlled by that carrier or that is under common control with that carrier by another person; or
  - (4) Activities related to the transportation by air conducted by that carrier

or by another carrier that controls or is controlled by that carrier or which is under common control with that carrier by another person.

*Air carrier* means the holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Board under section 401 of the Act authorizing the carriage of persons.

*Attendant* means any person required by a handicapped person in order to travel, whether or not that person's services are required while the handicapped passenger is in an aircraft.

*Carrier* means:

- (a) An air carrier;
- (b) An all-cargo air carrier operating under section 401 or section 418 of the Act;
- (c) A foreign air carrier;
- (d) An intrastate carrier;
- (e) An air taxi (including a commuter air carrier) operating under parts 294 or 298 of this chapter; and
- (f) Any person operating as a common carrier by air, or in the carriage of mail by air, or conducting transportation by air, in a foreign country.

*Control*, as used in this section, means the beneficial ownership of more than 40 percent of outstanding capital stock unless, ownership of more than 40 percent of outstanding capital stock unless, in a specific case, the Board determines under section 408 of the Act that control does not exist. Control may be direct or by or through one or more intermediate subsidiaries likewise controlled or controlling through beneficial ownership of more than 40 percent of outstanding voting capital stock.

*Delivery flight* means a flight from a point in the United States where a carrier has taken delivery of a newly manufactured aircraft to any point or points on its route system.

*Foreign air carrier* means the holder of a permit issued by the Board under section 402 of the Act authorizing the carriage of persons.

*Free transportation* means the carriage by an air carrier or foreign air carrier of any person or property (other than property owned by that carrier) in air transportation without compensation therefor.

*Handicapped passenger* means any person who has a physical or mental

impairment (other than drug addiction or alcoholism), that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

*Inaugural flight* means a flight on an aircraft type being introduced by a carrier for the first time on a route, even if that aircraft type has been used by that carrier on other routes or on that route by other carriers.

*Pass* means a written authorization, other than actual ticket stock, issued by a carrier for free or reduced-rate transportation of persons or property.

*Reduced-rate transportation* means the carriage by an air carrier or foreign air carrier of any person or property (other than property owned by such carrier) in air transportation for a compensation less than that specified in the tariffs of that carrier on file with the Board and otherwise applicable to such carriage.

*Retired* means:

(a) With respect to carrier directors, officers, and employees, persons receiving retirement benefits from any carrier;

(b) With respect to the general public, persons not regularly working at a full-time paying job, and not intending to do so in the future.

#### § 223.2 Exemption from section 401 of the Act.

(a) Any all-cargo carrier is exempted from section 401 of the Act to the extent necessary to carry, for purposes of in-flight observation, technical representatives of companies that have been engaged in the manufacture, development, or testing of aircraft or aircraft equipment.

(b) Every carrier providing transportation under this section shall also comply with the applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration such as regulations pertaining to admission of persons to the aircraft flight deck.

#### § 223.3 Mandatory free transportation.

Every air carrier shall carry, without charge, on any aircraft that it operates, the following persons:

(a) Security guards who have been assigned to the duty of guarding such aircraft against unlawful seizure, sabotage or other unlawful interference, upon the exhibition of such credentials

as may be prescribed by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration;

(b) Safety inspectors of the National Transportation Safety Board or of the Federal Aviation Administration who have been assigned to the duty of inspecting during flight such aircraft or its equipment, route facilities, operational procedures, or airman competency upon the exhibition of credentials or a certificate from the agency involved in authorizing such transportation; and

(c) Postal employees on duty in charge of the mails or traveling to or from such duty, upon the exhibition of the credentials issued by the Postmaster General.

#### § 223.4 Transferability of passes.

Any pass authorizing free or reduced-rate transportation issued by a carrier may be made transferable to the extent specified by the granting carrier.

#### § 223.5 Responsibility of agencies.

The Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, National Weather Service, and the Postal Service shall be responsible for the following:

(a) The issuance of any credentials or certificates to their personnel eligible for free or reduced-rate transportation under this part; and

(b) The promulgation of any internal rules that are necessary to obtain compliance by such personnel with this part.

#### § 223.6 Carrier's rules.

(a) Each air carrier and foreign air carrier shall maintain at its principal office either a copy or all instructions to its employees and of all company rules governing its practice in connection with the issuance and interchange of free and reduced-rate transportation passes or a statement describing those practices.

(b) The rules or statement required by this section shall, at a minimum, include the following:

(1) The titles of its officials upon whose authorizations passes may be issued;

(2) The titles of other officials who are authorized by these officials to

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countersign passes on their behalf, and the extent of the authority granted to them; and

(3) The titles of persons who are authorized to request passes from other carriers.

(c) The rules, instructions, or statement required by this section shall be furnished to the Board upon request or to a member of the public upon payment of a reasonable charge for this service.

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### Subpart B—Domestic Travel

#### § 223.11 Free and reduced-rate transportation permitted.

Air carriers may charge any rate or fare for interstate and overseas air transportation.

### Subpart C—International Travel

#### § 223.21 Free and reduced-rate transportation authorized by statute or regulation.

(a) Any air carrier or foreign air carrier may provide free or reduced-rate foreign air transportation to any classes of persons specifically named in section 403(b) of the Act or free transportation to those named in § 375.35 of this chapter.

(b) Air carriers and foreign air carriers may offer reduced fares for foreign air transportation to ministers of religion, the elderly, retired, and handicapped passengers, and to attendants required by handicapped passengers, but shall file tariffs for such fares. Carriers may establish reasonable tariff rules to assist in identifying those who qualify for reduced fares.

#### § 223.22 Other persons to whom free and reduced-rate transportation may be furnished.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers are exempted from sections 403 and 404(b) of the Act and part 221 of this chapter to the extent necessary to provide free or reduced-rate foreign air transportation, including passes, to the following:

(a) Directors, officers, employees, and retirees and members of their immediate families, of any carrier or of

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any affiliate of such carrier, subject to the requirements of § 223.25.

(b) Persons to whom the carrier is required to furnish such transportation by law or government directive or by a contract or agreement between the carrier and the government of any country served by the carrier. The Board may, without prior notice, direct the carrier to file a tariff covering such transportation if it finds that the law or government directive in question requires the provision of such transportation. This transportation may be provided only if:

(1) The contract or agreement is filed with the Board, and it is not disapproved by the Board; and

(2) The law or government directive does not require the furnishing of such transportation to the general public or any segment thereof.

(c) Technical representatives of companies that have been engaged in the manufacture, development or testing of a particular type of aircraft or aircraft equipment, when the transportation is provided for the purposes of in-flight observation, and subject to applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration such as regulations pertaining to admission of persons to the aircraft flight deck.

(d) Any person in return for goods or services provided by such person whether the transportation is used by that person or any designee of such person;

(e) Persons engaged in promoting transportation and their immediate families, when such transportation is undertaken for a promotional purpose;

(f) Persons being transported on an inaugural flight or delivery flight of the carrier except that, in the case of delivery flights, this exemption extends only to free, and not reduced-rate, transportation;

(g) Any law-enforcement official, including any person who has the duty of guarding government officials traveling on official business against unlawful interference;

(h) As compensation to persons that file a complaint or claim against the carrier;

(i) Charitable organizations; and

(j) Any person in an aviation-related occupation when the transportation is

provided for the purpose of technical in-flight observation.

**§ 223.23 Applications for authority to carry other persons.**

(a) Any air carrier or foreign air carrier desiring special authorization to provide free or reduced-rate foreign air transportation to persons to whom the carrier would not otherwise be authorized to furnish such transportation under the previous provisions of this part may apply to the Board, by letter or other writing, for such authorization.

(b) The application shall include the following information:

- (1) The identity of the persons to whom the transportation is to be furnished;
- (2) The points between which the transportation is to be furnished;
- (3) The approximate time of departure; and
- (4) The carrier's reasons for desiring to furnish such transportation.

(c) No transportation for which approval is required shall be furnished by the carrier until that approval is received by the carrier.

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**§ 223.24 Transportation of empty mail bags.**

Any carrier authorized to engage in foreign air transportation may transport in foreign air transportation empty air mail bags from any country to the country of origin of such bags, free of charge, on a voluntary space-available basis.

**§ 223.25 List of affiliates.**

(a) Each carrier shall maintain at its principal office a list containing all of that carrier's affiliates, showing the exact relationship of each affiliate to the carrier.

(b) No pass may be issued under § 223.22(a) to a director, officer, employee, or members of their immediate family, of any affiliate, unless that affiliate is on the list required by paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) The list required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be furnished to the Board upon request.

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**PART 232—TRANSPORTATION OF MAIL, REVIEW OF ORDERS OF POSTMASTER GENERAL**

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- 232.1 Applications for review.
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- 232.5 Filing and service of applications, answers, and replies.

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**§ 232.1 Applications for review.**

(a) Any person who would be aggrieved by an order of the Postmaster General issued under and within the meaning of section 41902 of the Statute may, within not more than 10 days after the issuance of such order, apply to the Department for a review thereof.

(b) An application for review filed under this part shall be made in writing and shall be conspicuously entitled Application for Review of Order of the Postmaster General under section 41902 of the Statute. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of this section, such application for review shall specify:

- (1) The schedule affected and identity of the order complained of;
- (2) The manner in which the applicant is or would be aggrieved by the order;
- (3) The relief sought;
- (4) The facts relied upon to establish that the public convenience and necessity require that such order be amended, revised, suspended, or canceled by the Department;
- (5) An estimate of the total economic impact (including nonmail revenues) on the carrier of complying with the Postmaster General's order;
- (6) A history of the flight or flights in question and any predecessor flights cooperated in the market at or about