

**BEFORE THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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NORWEGIAN AIR UK LIMITED	)	
	)	Docket No. OST-2015-0261
for an exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 40109 and	)	
a foreign air carrier permit pursuant to	)	
49 U.S.C. § 41301 (U.S.-EU Open Skies)	)	
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**in Support of the Department's Order to Show Cause**

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The U.S. Travel Association, a national non-profit representing all aspects of the American travel industry, supports the Department's tentative findings under 49 U.S.C. §41301 that Norwegian Air UK Limited (Norwegian UK) should be issued a foreign air carrier permit. Norwegian UK service to the United States, if approved, will deliver widespread public benefits to the U.S. by increasing inbound international travel, boosting American exports, and stimulating job growth in the travel sector.

The travel industry generates \$2.1 trillion for the U.S. economy, which supports more than 15.1 million American jobs. Inbound international travel is the No. 2 U.S. export. Without it, our nation's trade deficit would have been 18 percent higher in 2016.

Issuing a foreign air carrier permit to Norwegian UK will further this trend by growing direct international air service to the U.S., increasing international inbound travel, and helping achieve the national goal of attracting 100 million new international visitors to the United States by 2021.

Due to the substantial public benefits Norwegian UK will deliver to the U.S. and the carrier's adherence to the letter and spirit of the ATA, I encourage the Department of Transportation to approve the application of Norwegian Air UK Limited in a timely manner.

I look forward to working with you on this and other important issues to increase travel to and within the United States.

Sincerely,



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