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Emery Worldwide Airlines Agrees to Temporarily Cease Operations

WASHINGTON -- Emery Worldwide Airlines today signed an interim agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) stating it would immediately cease operating its fleet of 37 aircraft until it fully resolves safety issues arising from past FAA inspections.

The interim agreement extends for 30 calendar days. By the end of that period, Emery Worldwide Airlines will sign a final agreement with FAA, laying out the areas in which Emery will have to demonstrate its qualifications before it can resume operations.

Emery Worldwide Airlines has been under a heightened state of oversight by the FAA since January 2000. The FAA has conducted several special inspections of the airline, most recently in May and June. Those inspections uncovered more than 100 apparent violations of the Federal Aviation Regulations, including:

- Improper/inadequate repairs to mechanical irregularities, including numerous repetitive pilot write-ups of the same problem on the same aircraft over extended time periods;
- Unapproved aircraft installations/alterations;
- Operating unairworthy aircraft;
- Not following the policies and procedures in their manuals;
- Inadequate record keeping;
- Failure to distribute and use current manuals.

Headquartered in Vandalia, Ohio, Emery Worldwide Airlines operated a fleet of 29 DC-8 and 8 DC-10 aircraft in cargo-only operations. The airline's staff consists of more than 1,100 employees.

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