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# Air Canada applies for U.S. antitrust immunity to facilitate partnership with Continental Airlines, Lufthansa and United Airlines

MONTREAL, July 23 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada today announced that together with other Star Alliance partners it has applied for antitrust immunity in the U.S. as a first step toward creating a new joint venture with Continental Airlines, United Airlines and Lufthansa.

Nine Star Alliance carriers, including Air Canada, have filed a joint application with the U.S. Department of Transportation to add Continental Airlines to their existing antitrust immunity. Antitrust immunity is necessary in the United States to discuss coordinating schedules, fares and other functions. In addition, Air Canada, Continental Airlines, United Airlines and Lufthansa will ensure their proposed cooperation is also compatible with the competition laws of Canada and the European Union.

The DOT has granted nearly 20 applications for antitrust immunity in the past and Air Canada currently has antitrust immunity in the U.S. with respect to United and Lufthansa, all of which were founding members of the Star Alliance. Continental, the fourth largest carrier in the U.S., announced in June that it plans to join Star Alliance.

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