

## January 9, 2021 - WestJet cutting jobs and slashing flight capacity by 1/3

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### DECISIONS

- **Certification, class action lawsuit** – [Bergen v. WestJet Airlines Ltd., 2021 BCSC 12](#)

Plaintiff sought certification of a class proceeding against the defendants WestJet Airlines Ltd. and WestJet Encore Ltd. relating to WestJet's charging of baggage fees – plaintiff alleged WestJet charged fees for baggage carriage in a manner contrary to WestJet's own tariffs from 2014 to 2019 – Court certified the class proceeding

### CTA DECISIONS

- **Application – *Soin International, LLC*** – [Determination No. A-2021-4](#)

License No. 120041

- **Application – *Transwest Air Limited Partnership, by its General Partner Transwest Management Ltd. c.o.b. Transwest Air and Northern Shield Helicopters*** – [Determination No. A-2021-5](#)

Application for license to operate domestic services, small and medium aircraft – license issued

- **Application – *Transwest Air Limited Partnership, by its General Partner Transwest Management Ltd. c.o.b. Transwest Air and Northern Shield Helicopters* – [Determination No. A-2021-6](#)**

Application for license to operate non-scheduled international services, small and medium aircraft, to transport traffic on a charter basis between Canada and any other country – license issued

- **Application – *Lake Country Airways Inc.* – [Determination No. A-2021-3](#)**

Application for license to operate a domestic service, small aircraft – license issued

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- [Fatigue fracture in wing lift strut assembly led to fatal 2019 in-flight breakup of a floatplane in Manitoba](#)
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- [Investigation report: June 2020 collision with power line of a small aircraft in Maple Ridge, British Columbia](#)
- [New pre-departure COVID-19 testing requirements come into effect for all air travellers flying into Canada](#)
- [Pre-departure COVID-19 testing and negative results to be required for all air travellers coming to Canada](#)

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- COPA – [Bohn to lead Nav Canada](#)
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- [B.C. Supreme Court gives OK to class-action lawsuit against WestJet over baggage fee](#)
- [Biz av in North American makes slow but steady progress toward pre-pandemic flight activity](#)
- [Canadians denied from boarding flights in Cuba, Mexico under new COVID-19 testing rules](#)
- [Canada ends ban of flights from the U.K. as coronavirus variant spreads](#)
- [COVID-19 test requirement for air travelers to Canada causing concern among airlines, passengers](#)
- [Garneau rejects airline call to delay, revamp testing rules for travellers](#)
- [Pre-flight testing now in effect for flights in Canada](#)
- [Tight schedules, narrower planes: how the pandemic is reshaping the airline industry](#)
- [Travel industry "in tailspin" as federal government adopts new COVID-19 test rules](#)
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- [Westjet ready to fly 737 MAX as of January 21](#)
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