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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT Under the Securities Act of 1933

WORLD FUEL SERVICES CORPORATION (exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 59-2459427 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

700 South Royal Poinciana Boulevard Suite 800 Miami Springs, Florida 33166 (305) 884-2001 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

> Director and Employee Benefit Plans (Full title of the plans)

Carlos Abaunza, Chief Financial Officer 700 South Royal Poinciana Boulevard Suite 800 Miami Springs, Florida 33166 (305) 884-2001 (Name, address, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

> With a copy to: Luis A. de Armas, Esq. Shutts & Bowen 1500 Miami Center 201 S. Biscayne Blvd. Miami, Florida 33131 (305) 358-6300

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee (2)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	1,468,806	\$12.52	\$18,389,451.12	\$4,597.36
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	587,340	\$13.35	\$7,840,989	\$1,960.25
Total	2,056,146		\$26,230,440.12	\$6,557.61

- (1) This Registration Statement covers 2,056,146 shares of Common Stock to be issued under the Director and Employee Benefit Plans (the "Plans") of World Fuel Services Corporation ("World Fuel"). In addition, this Registration Statement covers an indeterminate number of additional shares of Common Stock which may be issued under said Plans as a result of a stock split, stock dividend or other similar transaction.
- (2) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 based upon: (a) the average exercise price of 1,468,806 shares of Common Stock which may be issued pursuant to options already granted under the Plans, and (b) the average of the high and low sales price of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on August 20, 2001, for 587,340 shares which may be issued pursuant to options and stock grants not yet issued under the Plans.

#### PART I

# INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information required by Part I of Form S-8 is included in documents to be given to the recipient of the securities registered hereby in accordance with Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

## Item 3: Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference

World Fuel Services Corporation ("World Fuel") hereby incorporates by reference in this Registration Statement the following documents filed by World Fuel with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under Commission File No. 1-9533:

- (1) World Fuel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal-year ended March 31, 2001.
- (2) World Fuel's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three month period ended June 30, 2001.
- (3) The description of World Fuel's common stock, \$.01 par value, contained in World Fuel's Form 8-A filed on July 27, 1990, under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

All documents filed by World Fuel pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Item 4: Description of Securities

Not applicable.

Item 5: Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

Item 6: Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 607.0850(1) of the Florida Business Corporation Act provides that a Florida corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party to any suit or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that he was or is a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or was or is serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he acted in good faith and in

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a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Section 607.0850(2) provides that a Florida corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses and certain amounts paid in settlement, not exceeding, in the judgment of the board of directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit including appeal thereof if he acted under similar standards, except that no indemnification may be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable, unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that despite the adjudication of liability, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to be indemnified for such expenses that the court shall deem proper.

Section 607.0850 further provides that to the extent a director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation has been successful in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to above or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith; that indemnification provided for by Section 607.0850 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled; and that the corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a director or officer of the corporation against any liability asserted against him or incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liabilities under such Section 607.0850.

World Fuel's Articles of Incorporation provide that World Fuel shall indemnify its officers and directors, and former officers and directors, to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida.

World Fuel has purchased directors and officers liability insurance for its directors and officers.

Item 7: Exemption from Registration Claimed

Not applicable.

Item 8: Exhibits

- 4.1 1986 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(L) to World Fuel's Registration Statement on Form S-18 filed February 6, 1986)

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- 4.2 1993 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Appendix A to World Fuel's Proxy Statement dated June 28, 1994)
- 4.3 1996 Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Appendix A to World Fuel's Proxy Statement dated June 18, 1997)
- 4.4 2001 Omnibus Plan (incorporated by reference from Appendix A to World Fuel's Proxy Statement dated July 17, 2001)
- 5 Opinion of Shutts & Bowen LLP
- 23.1 Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP
- 23.2 Consent of Shutts & Bowen LLP (included in Exhibit 5 hereto)

Item 9. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

- To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement;
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

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(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Miami Springs, State of Florida, on the 23rd day of August, 2001.

WORLD FUEL SERVICES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Paul Stebbins

Paul Stebbins, President and Chief Operating Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned officers and directors of the registrant, by virtue of their signatures to this Registration Statement appearing below, hereby constitute and appoint Jerrold Blair or Paul Stebbins and each or either of them, with full power of substitution, as attorneys-in-fact in their names, place and stead to execute any and all amendments to this Registration Statement in the capacities set forth opposite their name and hereby ratify all that said attorneys-in-fact and each of them or his substitutes may do by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title 	Date
/s/ Jerrold Blair Jerrold Blair	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director	August 23, 2001
	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director	August 23, 2001
/s/ Carlos Abaunza Carlos Abaunza	Chief Financial Officer	August 23, 2001
/s/ Ralph Feuerring Ralph R. Feuerring	Director	August 23, 2001
/s/ John Benbow John R. Benbow	Director	August 23, 2001

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/s/ Phillip Bradley  Phillip Bradley	Director	August 23,	2001
/s/ Myles Klein Myles Klein	Director	August 23,	2001
/s/ Michael J. Kasbar Michael J. Kasbar	Director	August 23,	2001
/s/ Luis Tinoco Luis Tinoco		August 23,	2001
/s/ Jerome Sidel Jerome Sidel	Director 	August 23,	2001
/s/ Mark A. Lee  Mark A. Lee		August 23,	2001

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Exhibit Index

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5	Opinion of Shutts & Bowen LLP
23.1	Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP

#### SHUTTS & BOWEN LLP

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August 24, 2001

World Fuel Services Corporation 700 S. Royal Poinciana Blvd., Suite 800 Miami Springs, Florida 33166

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8/Director and Employee Benefit Plans

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for World Fuel Services Corporation, a Florida corporation (the "Company"), and are rendering this opinion in connection with the proposed issuance of up to 2,056,146 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company (the "Common Stock"), pursuant to the Company's Director and Employee Benefit Plans (the "Plans").

In furnishing this opinion, we have examined such documents, legal opinions and precedents, corporate and other records of the Company, and certificates of public officials and officers of the Company, as we have deemed necessary and appropriate to provide a basis for the opinions set forth below. In such examination, we have assumed the following: (a) the authenticity of original documents and the genuineness of all signatures; (b) the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies; and (c) the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information, representations and warranties contained in the records, documents, instruments and certificates we have reviewed.

Based on such examination, we are of the opinion that, when issued and sold in the manner referred to in the Plans and pursuant to any agreements that accompany the Plans, the shares will be duly authorized, legally and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. World Fuel Services Corporation August 24, 2001 Page 2

For purposes of this opinion, we do not purport to be an expert on the laws of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the State of Florida and the federal laws of the United States, and we express no opinion herein as to the effect of any other laws.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to this Registration Statement on Form S-8 and to the use of our name wherever it appears in said Registration Statement, including any prospectus constituting a part thereof, and any amendments thereto. In giving such consent, we do not consider ourselves an "expert" within the meaning of such term as used in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission issued thereunder, with respect to any part of the Registration Statement, including this opinion, as an exhibit or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

Shutts & Bowen LLP

### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent certified public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this registration statement of our report dated May 30, 2001 incorporated by reference in World Fuel Services Corporation's Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2001 and to all references to our Firm included in this registration statement.

Arthur Andersen LLP

Miami, Florida, August 22, 2001.