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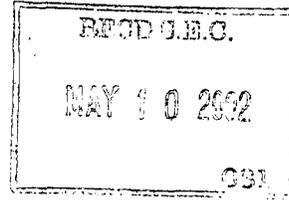


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Ms. Krista M. Hughes  
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, Aéropostale, Inc., Common Stock, \$0.01 per share. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 10, 2002. Tentative listing date – May 16, 2002.

Sincerely,

*Paras Mehta*