

Total Estimated Burden: 16,000 hours.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by May 31, 2001. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, who may be reached on 202-395-3897.

During the first 60 days of this same period a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until 60 days from the date that this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to ECA-IIP/EX/PM, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on (202) 619-4949.

Dated: May 15, 2001.

David Whitten,

Executive Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Designation of Senior Agency Official Under Executive Order 12958

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of designation of "Senior Agency Official" for certain purposes under section 5.6 of Executive Order 12958 entitled "Classified National Security Information."

SUMMARY: The General Counsel of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has been designated as the senior agency official for purposes of section 1.8(d) of Executive Order 12958 and has the authority, along with the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Deputy USTRs, to classify or re-classify information that has not previously been disclosed to the public after a request for it has been received under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or the Privacy Act of 1974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FOIA Office, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-3419.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12958 ("the Order") provides that heads of agencies that originate or handle classified information shall designate one or more senior agency officials to carry out certain duties and responsibilities under the Order. On May 10, 2001, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick designated the position of General Counsel as a "Senior Agency Official" pursuant to the provisions of section 5.6 of the Order. The General Counsel shall have the authority to classify or re-classify information after a request has been received under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, or the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, so long as that information has not previously been disclosed to the public. Such classification or re-classification shall be done in a manner that meet the requirements of the Order and on a document-by-document basis.

Sybia Harrison,

Agency FOIA Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; General Aviation Certification and Operations Issues— New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: The FAA assigned the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee a new task to evaluate and develop requirements for improved handling of stall characteristics in small airplanes. This notice is to inform the public of this ARAC activity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Dahl, Federal Aviation Administration, Central Region Headquarters, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, (816) 329-4110. *Mike.dahl@faa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA established the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator on the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitments to harmonize Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) with its partners in Europe and Canada.

The Task

- Review Subpart B of part 23 and develop requirements for improved handling of stall characteristics in small airplanes. Items to be addressed in the ARAC review include:

1. Stall Characteristics and spin resistance.
2. Stall accidents and prevention methods.
3. Harmonization with similar requirements found in JAR-23.

- Prepare a draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). The NPRM should include the preamble and rule language along with any supporting legal analysis.

Schedule: This task is to be completed no later than December 10, 2001.

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC accepted the task and assigned the task to the newly formed Stall Characteristics Harmonization Working Group, General Aviation Certification and Operations Issues. The working group will serve as staff to ARAC and assist in the analysis of the assigned task. ARAC must review and approve the working group's recommendations. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it will forward them to the FAA. Recommendations that are received from ARAC will be submitted to the agency's Rulemaking Management Council to address the availability of resources and prioritization.

Working Group Activity

The Stall Characteristics Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan for consideration at the next meeting of the ARAC on general aviation certification and operations issues held following publication of this notice.
2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.
3. Draft the appropriate documents and required analyses and/or any other related materials or documents.
4. Provide a status report at each meeting of the ARAC held to consider general aviation certification and operations issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Stall Characteristics Harmonization Working Group will be composed of technical experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative or a member of the full committee.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. All requests to participate must be received no later than June 29, 2001. The requests will be reviewed by the co-assistant chairs, the co-assistant executive directors, and the working group co-chairs. Individuals will be advised whether or not their request can be accommodated.

Individuals chosen for membership on the working group will be expected to represent their aviation community segment and actively participate in the working group (e.g., attend all meetings, provide written comments when requested to do so, etc.). They also will be expected to devote the resources necessary to support the working group in meeting any assigned deadlines. Members are expected to keep their management chain and those they may represent advised of working group activities and decisions to ensure that the proposed technical solutions do not conflict with their sponsoring organization's position when the subject

being negotiated is presented to ARAC for approval.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the co-assistant chairs, the co-assistant executive directors, and the working group co-chairs.

The Secretary of Transportation determined that the formation and use of the ARAC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of the ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Stall Characteristics Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. The FAA will make no public announcement of working group meetings.

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Anthony F. Fazio,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; General Aviation Certification and Operations Issues—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: The FAA assigned the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee a new task to evaluate changing the requirements in Section 23.177 for demonstrating positive dihedral effect in all land gear and flap positions. This notice is to inform the public of this ARAC activity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Dahl, Federal Aviation Administration, Central Region Headquarters, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106, (816) 329-4110. mike.dahl@faa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA established the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator on the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes

obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitments to harmonize Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) with its partners in Europe and Canada.

The Task

1. Review § 23.177 and JAR 23 and recommend harmonized changes to § 23.177 for demonstrating positive dihedral effect in all landing gear and flap positions. (Extending the flaps often decreases the dihedral effect to zero. An aileron rudder interconnect is often installed to correct the problem when dihedral effect in the landing flap configuration is not wanted.)

2. Prepare a draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) incorporating the recommendations. The NPRM should include the preamble and rule language along with any supporting legal analysis.

Schedule: This task is to be accomplished no later than December 10, 2001.

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC accepted the task and assigned the task to the newly formed Static Directional and Lateral Stability Harmonization Working Group, General Aviation Certification and Operations Issues. The working group will serve as staff to ARAC and assist in the analysis of the assigned task. ARAC must review and approve the working group's recommendations. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it will forward them to the FAA. Recommendations that are received from ARAC will be submitted to the agency's Rulemaking Management Council to address the availability of resources and prioritization.

Working Group Activity

The Static Directional and Lateral Stability Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan for consideration at the next meeting of the ARAC on general aviation certification and operations issues held following publication of this notice.
2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.
3. Draft the appropriate documents and required analyses and/or any other related materials or documents.
4. Provide a status report at each meeting of the ARAC held to consider