

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> that the proposed rule change SR-NASD-96-40 be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

Margaret H. McFarland,  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Aviation Proceedings; Agreements Filed During the Week Ending 12/13/96

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2011.

*Date filed:* December 9, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:*

COMP Telex Reso 024f  
Local Currency Fare Changes—Pakistan  
Intended effective date: December 16, 1996

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2017.

*Date filed:* December 11, 1996.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:*

TC31 Telex Mail Vote 845  
Japan-North America/Caribbean PEX fares

Intended effective date: April 1, 1997

Myrna F. Adams,

*Acting Chief, Documentary Services.*

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### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending December 13, 1996

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 78s(b)(2).

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2008.

*Date filed:* December 9, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* January 6, 1997.

*Description:* Application of China Southern Airlines Company Limited, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41301 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests a foreign air carrier permit to perform scheduled service from Guangzhou, China to Los Angeles, California.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-2013.

*Date filed:* December 10, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* January 7, 1997.

*Description:* Application of Societe Caribeenne de Transport Aerien d/b/a Air St. Martin, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41302, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a foreign air carrier permit authorizing it to engage in charter foreign air transportation of passengers and their property between points in the French West Indies and points in the United States. Air St. Martin also seeks authority to operate fifth freedom charters between the U.S. and third countries subject to Part 212 of the Department's Economic Regulations.

Myrna F. Adams,

*Acting Chief, Documentary Services.*

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## Federal Aviation Administration

### Draft Appendix for Emergency Flotation Systems to Advisory Circular 27-1, Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft, and Advisory Circular 29-2A, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of advisory circular (AC) draft appendix; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and request for comments on the draft appendix for Emergency Flotation Systems to AC 27-1, Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft, and AC 29-2A, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit Written comments to FAA, Rotorcraft Standards Staff,

ASW-110, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0110.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Jones, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, ASW-110, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0110, telephone (817) 222-5359; facsimile (817) 222-5961.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the draft appendix have been mailed to all known affected industry and government entities, both foreign and domestic. Any interested person not receiving this draft appendix may obtain a copy by contacting the person named under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this draft appendix by January 15, 1997. Comments must identify Draft Appendix for Emergency Flotation Systems to ACs 27-1 and 29-2A. These comments will be discussed at public meeting on February 5, 1997, at the Anaheim Hilton and Towers, 777 Convention Way, Anaheim, California. Written comments received may be inspected at the office of the Rotorcraft Standards Staff, FAA, 4th floor, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on December 11, 1996.

Eric Bries,

*Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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### Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Meadows Field, Bakersfield, CA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program for Meadows Field, Bakersfield, California, that was submitted by Kern County, California under the provision of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193). (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 CFR Part 150. This program was submitted subsequent to a determination by the FAA that the associated noise exposure maps submitted under 14 CFR Part 150 for Meadows Field were in compliance with applicable requirements effective April 14, 1995. The proposed noise

compatibility program will be approved or disapproved on or before June 9, 1997.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the start of FAA's review of the noise compatibility program is December 12, 1996. The public comment period ends on February 10, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bahman H. Tash, Airport Planner, AWP-611.5, Planning Section, Western-Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Telephone: (310) 725-3616. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007. Street Address: 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Room 3012, Hawthorne, California 90261.

Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program should also be submitted to the above office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program for Meadows Field which will be approved or disapproved on or before June 9, 1997. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The FAA formally received the noise compatibility program for Meadows Field effective on December 12, 1996. It was requested that the FAA review this material and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as noise compatibility program under Section 104(b) of the Act. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before June 9, 1997.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 150, § 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety,

create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps, the FAA evaluation of the maps, and the proposed noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,  
National Headquarters, 800  
Independence Avenue, SW., Room  
617, Washington, D.C. 20591  
Federal Aviation Administration,  
Western-Pacific Region Office,  
Airports Division, Room, 3012, 15000  
Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne,  
California 90261

Mr. Raymond C. Bishop, Director, Kern County Department of Airports, 1401 Skyway Drive, Suite 200, Bakersfield, California 93308-1697

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Hawthorne, California on December 12, 1996.

Herman C. Bliss,

Manager, Airports Division, AWP-600,  
Western-Pacific Region.

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**Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss Aircraft Certification Procedures issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 16, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by January 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at GAMA, 1400 K St. NW., Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Trapani, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-208), 800 Independence Avenue,

SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-7624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking advisory committee to be held on January 16, 1997, at GAMA, 1400 K St. NW., Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005. The agenda for the meeting will include:

Opening Remarks.

Report on ARAC Regulatory Review meeting.

Old Business, to include approval of previous meeting minutes, status of Technical Standard Order C148, status of Emergency Locator Transmitters, status of notice of proposed rulemaking recommendation regarding changes to certification procedures.

Working Group Reports.

Production Certification

Parts

Delegation

New Business.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by January 6, 1997, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Aircraft Certification Procedures or by bringing the copies to him at the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 16, 1996.

Ava L. Mims,

Assistant Executive Director, ARAC on  
Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues.

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**RTCA, Inc., Special Committee 159; Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Airborne Navigation Equipment Using Global Positioning System (GPS)**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee (SC) 159 meeting to be held January 6-10, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140