

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The 34 democratically-elected leaders of the Western Hemisphere gathered at the first Summit of the Americas in Miami in December 1994. At the Summit, leaders agreed that countries should conclude negotiation of a "Free Trade Area of the Americas" (FTAA) by 2005 and make concrete progress towards that goal by 2000. They directed their trade ministers to oversee the process of constructing the FTAA.

The first Western Hemisphere Trade Ministerial was held in Denver in June 1995. The United States Trade Representative and the other 33 Ministers in the Hemisphere responsible for trade agreed to the Denver "Joint Declaration." This advanced the Summit of the America's objective of establishing the FTAA by 2005. The Denver Declaration adopted a set of principles and created a work program to prepare for negotiation of the FTAA—including the establishment of seven working groups. Four more working groups were created at the second Western Hemisphere Trade Ministerial, which was held in Cartagena, Colombia in March 1996. The eleven working groups established to date are: Investment, Standards and Technical Barriers to Trade, Subsidies/Anti-dumping/Countervailing Duties, Smaller Economies, Government Procurement, Intellectual Property Rights, Services, Competition Policy, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures, Customs Procedures and Rules of Origin, and Market Access.

In the Cartagena "Joint Declaration", the Ministers mandated that Vice Ministers make recommendations on when and how to launch the FTAA negotiations and on the approach to negotiations. Also, concrete proposals on near-term practical steps toward hemispheric economic integration (e.g. business facilitation actions) are to be reported to the Ministers at the next Ministerial. The Ministers provided overall guidance to further the FTAA process and another detailed plan of work for the eleven working groups. Copies of the Miami, Denver and Cartagena Declarations can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.ustr.gov/index.html>.

The third Western Hemisphere Trade Ministerial will take place on May 16 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Ministers have requested that Vice Ministers prepare recommendations on how and when to launch the negotiations to construct the FTAA.

Key Issues

To make preparations for the Belo Horizonte Ministerial as relevant as possible, the U.S. Government is seeking advice and views from the public. Any views on the FTAA process are welcome, but of particular interest would be input on the following issues:

- What should U.S. objectives be for the FTAA process as a whole, and what should we seek to achieve at the next meeting in Belo Horizonte to make progress towards that objective?
- What major issues are not currently addressed adequately by international disciplines that could be addressed in the FTAA?
- Are there particular advantages/disadvantages to negotiating or implementing certain agreements or codes affecting either specific sectors (e.g. telecommunications) or disciplines (e.g. investment) before the FTAA negotiations are completed in the year 2005?
- What concrete steps toward economic integration would most benefit U.S. interests overall or the interests of specific industries or groups?
- What impediments are most detrimental to the U.S. companies doing business and how can hemispheric disciplines remove them?
- Has your company or organization experienced particular problems in the region of which the U.S. Government should be aware as it goes through the FTAA process?
- To what extent have the subregional arrangements (Mercosur, Andean Pact, Central American Common Market, Caribbean Community) affected your interests in or exports to Latin America and the Caribbean?
- What measures should the ministers consider to ensure that private sector advice from throughout the Hemisphere is received and incorporated into the FTAA process?
- Do you have any concrete proposals for near-term practical steps toward hemispheric economic integration (e.g. business facilitation actions)?

Written Comments: All written comments should be addressed to: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 501, Washington, D.C. 20508.

All submissions must be in English and should conform to the information requirements of 15 CFR 2003.

A party must provide ten copies of its submission, which must be received at USTR no later than March 24, 1997. If the submission contains business

confidential information, ten copies of a non-confidential version must also be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and of each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection shortly after the filing deadline. Inspection is by appointment only with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room and can be arranged by calling (202) 395-6186.

Frederick L. Montgomery,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-10]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket

number involved and must be received on or before March 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-9-9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Haynes (202) 267-3939 or Angela Anderson (202) 267-9681 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 21, 1997.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 28813.

Petitioner: Keith Campbell.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 119.67(a)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner to serve as Director of Operations of Reeve Aleutian Airways even though he does not hold an airline transport pilot certificate.

Docket No.: 28816.

Petitioner: Grant Murray.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 119.67(a)(1) and 119.71(a).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner to continue to serve as Director of Operations for Eagle Jet Charter, Inc. without holding an airline transport pilot certificate.

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Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Training and Qualifications

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 Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss training and qualification issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 12 at noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Regional Airlines Association, Third floor, 1200 19th St., NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Regina L. Jones, (202) 267-9822, Office of Rulemaking, (ARM-100) 800 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20591.

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 (ARAC) to discuss training and qualification issues. This meeting will be held March 12, 1997, at noon, at the Regional Airlines Association. The agenda for this meeting will include progress reports from The Air Carrier Pilot Pay for Training Working Group and the Air Carrier Minimum Flight Time Requirements Working Group.

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present statements to the committee at any time. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listing device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 19, 1997.

Thomas Toulas,

Executive Director for Training and Qualifications, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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RTCA, Inc.; Joint Special Committee 190/Eurocae Working Group 52; DO-178 Software Consideration

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Joint Special Committee 190/EUROCAE Working Group (WG) 52 meeting to be held March 11-13, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140

Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

The agenda will include the following: (1) Chairman's Opening Remarks and General Introductions; (2) Review and Approval of Agenda; (3) Establish Structure and Organization of the Committee; (4) Review Proposed Terms of Reference, RTCA Paper No. 039-97/SC190-002; (5) Identify Goals, Develop Work Program, and Determine Milestones; (6) Assign Tasks; (7) Other Business; (8) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 20, 1997.

Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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[Application #97-02-C-00-FCA]

Notice of Intent to Rule on Application, Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Glacier Park International Airport; Submitted by the Flathead Municipal Airport Authority, Kalispell, Montana

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use PFC revenue at Glacier Park International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: David P. Gabbert, Manager; Helena Airports District Office, HLN-ADO; Federal Aviation Administration; FAA Building, Suite 2; 2725 Skyway Drive; Helena, MT, 59601.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Monte M.