

issues involving intellectual property rights.

In addition, the purpose of this meeting will be to hear reports from the working groups of various issues that chart the future direction and work plan of the committee. The members will look at the substantive issues on which the committee should focus, as well as specific countries and regions of interest to the committee.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, 1998, from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Room 1105 of the Main Building of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 "C" Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20520. Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the State Department Building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Shirlett Brewer at (202) 647-8345 or by fax at (202) 647-0158. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID.

For further information, contact Timothy C. Finton, Executive Secretary of the Committee, at (202) 647-5385.

Dated: December 15th, 1997.

Timothy C. Finton,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2675]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea; Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers; Meeting Notice

The Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 21, 1998, in Room 2415, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the Third Session of the DSC Subcommittee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for February 9-13, 1998, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

The agenda items of particular interest are:

a. Amendment 29 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, its Annexes and Supplements including harmonization of the IMDG Code with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

b. Implementation of Annex III of the Marine Pollution Convention (MARPOL 73/78), as amended.

c. Revision of the format of the IMDG Code.

d. Amendments to SOLAS chapters VI and VII to make the IMDG Code mandatory.

e. Amendments to SOLAS chapter VII to make the Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) Code mandatory.

f. Implementation of IMO instruments and training requirements for cargo-related matters, including revision of resolution A.537(13) and development of multimodal training requirements.

g. Revision of the Emergency Schedules (EmS).

h. Revision of MSC/Circ.613 to include offshore tank containers.

i. Amendments to the Bulk Solids Code, including evaluation of properties of solid bulk cargoes.

j. Reports on incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. E. P. Pfersich, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-3), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-1577.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Russell A. La Mantia,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 23.1419-2A, Certification of 14 CFR Part 23 Airplanes for Flight in Icing Conditions

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 23.1419-2A, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request for comments on a proposed AC, which provides

information and guidance concerning certification of part 23 airplanes for flight in icing conditions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Standards Office (ACE-110), 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ervin Dvorak, Standards Office (ACE-111), Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration; telephone number (816) 426-6941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any person may obtain a copy of this proposed AC by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

COMMENTS INVITED: We invite interested parties to submit comments on the proposed AC. Commenters must identify AC 23.1419-2A and submit comments to the address specified above. The FAA will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments before issuing the final AC. The proposed AC and comments received may be inspected at the Standards Office (ACE-110), Suite 900, 1201 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

BACKGROUND: This Advisory Circular, AC 23.1419-2A, Certification of Part 23 Airplanes for Flight in Icing Conditions, sets forth an acceptable means, but not the only means of demonstrating compliance with the ice protection requirements in 14 CFR part 23. The FAA will consider other methods of demonstrating compliance that an applicant may elect to present. This material is neither mandatory nor regulatory in nature and does not constitute a regulation. This AC will cancel AC 23.1419-2, Certification of Part 23 Airplanes for Flight in Icing Conditions, dated January 3, 1992. This AC revises AC 23.1419-2 for icing certification for part 23 airplanes to address the following NTSB Recommendations: A-91-90, A-92-64, and A-92-86, the later amendments (23-41, 23-42, 23-43, 23-45, and 23-49) in part 23, and it provides information regarding tail plane icing.

The FAA Inflight Aircraft Icing Plan has tasks to improve the regulations and guidance related to certification of airplanes for operation in icing conditions defined by Appendix C and,

possibly, including envelopes supplementing those currently in Appendix C. These issues will be considered on the next revision of the AC. In addition, the FAA and the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) are harmonizing the performance and handling qualities of part 25. The Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) Flight Test Harmonization Working Group will complete the harmonization project to standardize performance, handling requirements, and additional guidance material for certification of part 25/Joint Aviation Requirements 25 (JAR 25) airplanes to safely operate in the icing conditions of Appendix C. These performance and handling qualities will be considered in the next revision to this AC, and to the second revision to AC 23-8A, Flight Test Guide for Certification of Part 23 Airplanes.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, December 16, 1997.

Michael Gallagher,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-64]

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 January 22, 1998.

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-NPRM-CMNTS@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) 267-3131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Thorson (202) 267-7470 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, D.C., on December 24, 1997.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29066.

Petitioner: Mr. James T. Hawkins.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 45.21(c)(2) and 45.29 (c), (d), and (e).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner to display aircraft registration markings on his Piper Archer aircraft (Registration No. N3578M) that are ornamental in nature and do not meet the width, thickness, and spacing requirements of part 45.

Disposition of Petitions

Docket No.: 29038.

Petitioner: GE VARIG.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.47(b).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit GE Varig to substitute the calibration standards of the Instituto Nacional de Metrologia, Normalização e Qualidade Industrial, Brazil's national standards organization, for the calibration standards of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly the National Bureau of Standards, to test its inspection and test equipment.

Grant, December 18, 1997, Exemption No. 6709.

Docket No.: 28846.

Petitioner: Gulfstream International Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.2(d)(1)(i)(D), 121.337(b)(8), and 121.359(g).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Gulfstream to operate 25 Beechcraft 190C airplanes without those airplanes being equipped with approved smoke and fume protective breathing equipment for flight crewmembers from December 20, 1997, until March 20, 1998, a period of 90 days.

Grant, December 19, 1997, Exemption No. 6596D.

Docket No.: 29086.

Petitioner: Air Midwest, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.2 and 121.337(b)(8).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Air Midwest to operate 15 Beechcraft 1900D airplanes in part 121 passenger-carrying operations after the December 20, 1997, compliance deadline without those airplanes being equipped with the required smoke and fume protective breathing equipment for the flight crewmembers, until January 1, 1998.

Grant, December 19, 1997, Exemption No. 6596F.

Docket No.: 29082.

Petitioner: Mesa Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.2 and 121.337(b)(8).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Mesa to operate 41 Beechcraft 1900D airplanes in part 121 passenger-carrying operations after the December 20, 1997, compliance deadline without those airplanes being equipped with the required smoke and fume protective breathing equipment for the flight crewmembers, until January 31, 1998.

Grant, December 19, 1997, Exemption No. 6596E.

Docket No.: 28319.

Petitioner: Dornier Aviation (North America), Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.411(a) (2), and (3), and (b)(2); 121.413 (b) and (c); appendix H to part 121; 135.337(a) (2) and (3), and (b)(2); and 135.339 (b) and (c).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit certain instructors employed by DANA and listed in a certificate holder's approved training program to act as instructors for a certificate holder under part 121 or part 135 without those instructors having received ground and flight training in accordance with a training program approved under subpart N of part 121 or subpart H of part 135, as applicable. That exemption also permits simulator instructors employed by DANA and listed in a certificate