

under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

*Docket Number:* OST-98-3690.

*Date Filed:* March 31, 1998.

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

*Subject:* COMP Mail Vote 926, Worldwide Currency Adjustment—from Greece, Intended effective date: April 15, 1998.

*Docket Number:* OST-98-3691.

*Date Filed:* March 31, 1998.

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

*Subject:* PTC2 Telex Mail Vote 925, Special Construction Rule (Reso 024j), Intended effective date: May 1, 1998.

**Paulette V. Twine,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending April 3, 1998

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

*Docket Number:* OST-98-3680.

*Date Filed:* March 30, 1998.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:* April 27, 1998.

*Description:* Application of Redemption, Inc. d/b/a Island Air Service, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41101, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for an indefinite term to perform scheduled, interstate transportation of persons, property and mail.

*Docket Number:* OST-98-3692.

*Date Filed:* March 31, 1998.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:* April 28, 1998.

*Description:* Application of Polar Air Cargo, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests an Amendment to its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Route 651 authorizing Polar to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between any point or points in the United States and the following countries (in addition to those currently contained in Polar's Certificate for Route 651): Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Aruba, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Bosnia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Chile, Cote d'Ivoire, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Macedonia, Malawi, Malta, Moldova, Morocco, Namibia, the Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tadjikistan, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Zaire and Zimbabwe. Polar also requests authority to integrate its operations under its amended Certificate with all services Polar is otherwise authorized to conduct pursuant to its exemption and certificate authority consistent with applicable international agreements.

*Docket Number:* OST-98-3707.

*Date Filed:* April 3, 1998.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:* April 30, 1998.

*Description:* Application of Western Pacific Airlines, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41105, for a Disclaimer of Jurisdiction over the transaction by which WestPac will transfer to a wholly-owned subsidiary certain airline-related assets, including the airlines' DOT and FAA-issued certificates and other authorities, airline-related documents, WestPac's tradename, trademarks and goodwill, all of WestPac's spare parts and tooling, and certain furniture and office equipment.

**Paulette V. Twine,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-3721]

### Office of Vessel Traffic Management, Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Commanding Officers Conference

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Vessel Traffic Management is hosting a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Commanding Officers Conference on May 13, 1998. Topics to be discussed at this meeting include VTS Customer Satisfaction, Ports and Waterway Safety Assessments (PAWSA), Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), Partnerships, and Port Operations Information for Safety and Efficiency (POISE). This public meeting is meant to discuss, answer questions, and get feedback from the public about program direction. The Coast Guard is also seeking written feedback on AIS.

**DATES:** The open meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written material must reach the Coast Guard on or before May 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Hangar Air Station Training Room at 2710 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 92101. You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, [USCG 1998-3721], U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and documents as indicated in this notice, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may electronically access the public docket for this notice on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public docket, contact Carol Kelly, Coast Guard Dockets Team Leader, or Paulette Twine, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-

9329. For information concerning this notice, contact Ms. Diane Schneider, Coast Guard Office of Vessel Traffic Management at 202-267-0352 or LCDR Frank Elfring, Coast Guard Office of Vessel Traffic Management at 202-267-6623.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background Information**

Trends in vessel transit statistics show America's commercial waterways are increasingly more congested with larger vessels. In conjunction with this trend, there is an increasing urgency to move traffic through ports more efficiently and coordinate ship movements with ongoing port operations. Additionally, there is a great desire to mitigate incidences of miscommunication during inclement weather conditions and at night, which can result in accidents and near-miss encounters.

Later this year, the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation is likely to conclude that AIS transponders are useful and worthwhile instruments for promoting safety in international waters and has prepared a recommendation on performance standards for a universal shipborne AIS. Concurrently, the Coast Guard is testing AIS as a domestic VTS tool in both the ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore modes. In anticipation of advancement of this innovative AIS technology, the Coast Guard is seeking public feedback on AIS, benefits to domestic waterways safety, and application of this technology to domestic vessels by way of carriage requirements.

The following projects are being tested and evaluated and will be discussed at the meeting: Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA), Port Operations Information for Safety and Efficiency (POISE), and Ports and Waterway Safety Systems (PAWSS).

PAWSA's main objective is to analyze current safety standards and waterways management tools. By analyzing these things, the Coast Guard will be able to determine whether or not a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) is necessary in that port.

POISE is a computer Internet-based system that provides a collection of hot links to information about port activities.

PAWSS is an acquisition for future VTS in U.S. waters. This system is primarily an AIS-based system that will meet IMO technical and operational standards.

**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages submission of written data, views, or arguments on this notice. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this notice [USCG 1998-3721], the specific issue that each comment addresses, and the reason for the comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing, to the Department of Transportation Docket Management Facility at the address under ADDRESSES. If you want acknowledgment of receipt of your comment, enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period.

**Agenda for Meeting**

- (1) 9 a.m.-10:15 a.m.—Program Direction.
- (2) 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.—Update on Ports and Waterway Safety Assessments.
- (3) 1 p.m.-2 p.m.—Partnerships for Operating Vessel Traffic Services.
- (4) 2 p.m.-3 p.m.—Update on Automatic Identification Systems.
- (5) 3:15 p.m.-4 p.m.—Vessel Traffic Management Customer Satisfaction Tools.
- (6) 4 p.m.-4:30 p.m.—Port Operations Information for Safety and Efficiency (POISE) Demonstration.

**Public Meeting**

Attendance is open to the public. With advance notice, and as time permits, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify Ms. Diane Schneider or LCDR Elfring listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than the day before the meeting. Written material may be submitted before, during, or after the meeting. Persons unable to attend the public meetings are encouraged to submit written comments as outlined above.

**Information on Service for Individuals With Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request assistance at the meeting(s), contact Ms. Diane Schneider or LCDR Elfring at the address or phone number under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

Dated: April 6, 1998.

**R.C. North,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. 29194]

RIN 2120-AC22

**Emissions and Dispersion Modeling System Policy for Airport Air Quality Analysis; Interim Guidance to FAA Orders 1050.1D and 5050.4A**

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

**ACTION:** Policy Statement.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides a statement of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) policy concerning the required use of the FAA Emissions and Dispersion Modeling System (EDMS) to assess the air quality impacts of proposed airport development projects. To date, the EDMS has been considered an FAA preferred model for airport air quality analysis. The policy statement is intended to ensure consistency and quality of analysis performed to assess the air quality impacts of airport emission sources for purposes of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq. (NEPA) and the Clean Air Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401, 7506(c) general conformity (general conformity) requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Julie Ann Draper, Analysis and Engineering Branch (AEE-120), Technology Division, Office of Environment and Energy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3494.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EDMS was developed by the FAA in cooperation with the U.S. Air Force (USAF) in the mid-1980's as a complex source microcomputer model to assess the air quality impacts of proposed airport development projects. It has since been the FAA preferred model for airport air quality analysis. On July 20, 1993, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) accepted the EDMS as a formal EPA "Preferred Guideline" model for use in civil airports and