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Don A. Christensen,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2878]

Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee for Prevention of Marine Pollution; Notice of Meeting

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution (SPMP), a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee will conduct an open meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, at 10 am in Room 3328 of the Nassif Federal Building, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room.

The meeting is intended to provide a means for the public to participate in the formulation of the United States input on a proposal to develop international measures regarding the use of antifoulant paints on ships, which is being considered by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Lieutenant Junior Grade Christopher L. Boes, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MSO-4), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, Telephone: (202) 267-0713.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

Susan K. Bennett,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2879]

Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea, Working Group on Fire Protection; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Working Group on Fire Protection will conduct an open meeting on Friday, September 18, 1998, at 9:30 AM, in room 6319 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W.,

Washington, DC 20593. The purpose of the meeting will be to prepare for discussions anticipated to take place at the Forty-third Session of the International Maritime Organization's Subcommittee on Fire Protection, to be held January 11-15, 1999.

The meeting will focus on proposed amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention for the fire safety of commercial vessels. Specific discussion areas include: Ro-ro ferry safety, comprehensive review of SOLAS Chapter II-2, revision of the fire safety aspects of the IMO High Speed Craft Code, fire fighting systems in machinery spaces, role of the human element, and prohibition of PFCs in shipboard fire-extinguishing systems.

Members of the public wishing to make a statement on new issues or proposals at the meeting are requested to submit a brief summary to the U.S. Coast Guard five days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may obtain more information regarding the meeting of the SOLAS Working Group on Fire Protection by writing: Office of Design and Engineering Standards, Commandant (G-MSE-4), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St., S.W., Washington, DC 20593, or by calling: Mr. Bob Markle at (202) 267-1444.

Dated August 19, 1998.

Susan K. Bennett,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Transport Airplane and Engine Issues—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

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

SUMMARY: Notice is given of a new task assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stewart R. Miller, Transport Standards Staff (ANM-110), Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; phone (425) 227-1255; fax (425) 227-1320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitment to harmonize its Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

One area ARAC deals with is Transport Airplane and Engine Issues. These issues involve the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes and engines in 14 CFR parts 25, 33, and 35 and parallel provisions in 14 CFR parts 121 and 135.

The Task

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendation on the following harmonization task:

Pressurization and Pneumatic Systems

The following differences between Part 25 and JAR 25 and their associated guidance material have been identified as having a potentially significant impact on airplane design and cost.

Task: Pressurization and Pneumatic Systems. Section 25.1438 of the FAR and JARs 25X1436 and 25.1438 currently require different proof and burst pressure multipliers under specific established normal and abnormal conditions. The JAR also distinguishes between high and low pressure pneumatic systems. In harmonizing 25.1438, consideration must be given to JAR 25X1436 due to the relationship between part 25.1438 of the FAR and JAR 25X1436.

For the above task the working group is to review airworthiness, safety, cost, and other relevant factors related to the specified differences, and reach consensus on harmonized part 25/JAR 25 regulations and guidance material.

The FAA expects ARAC to forward its recommendation(s) to the FAA by July 31, 2000.

ARAC Acceptance of Tasks

ARAC has accepted the tasks and has chosen to establish a new Mechanical Systems Harmonization Working Group. The working group will serve as staff to ARAC to assist ARAC in the analysis of the assigned task. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepts the

working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the FAA as ARAC recommendations.

Working Group Activity

The Mechanical Systems 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 meeting of ARAC to consider transport airplane and engine 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 appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and/or any other related guidance material or collateral documents the working group determines to be appropriate; or, if new or revised requirements or compliance methods are not recommended, a draft report stating the rationale for not making such recommendations. If the resulting recommendation is one or more notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published by the FAA, the FAA may ask ARAC to recommend disposition of any substantive comments the FAA receives.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider transport airplane and engine issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Mechanical Systems 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 of 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 tasks, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. All requests to participate must be received no later than October 5, 1998. The requests will be reviewed by the assistant chair and the assistant executive director, and the individuals will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

Individuals chosen for membership on the working group will be expected to represent their aviation community

segment and participate actively 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 ensure the ability of the working group to meet any assigned deadline(s). Members are expected to keep their management chain advised of working group activities and decisions to ensure that the agreed technical solutions do not conflict with their sponsoring organization's position when the subject being negotiated is presented to ARAC for a vote.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair.

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

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Mechanical Systems 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. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 27, 1998.

Joseph A. Hawkins,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-98-17]

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.

DATE: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before September 17, 1998.

ADDRESS: 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, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 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, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tawana Matthews (202) 267-9783 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267-7624, 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).

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29285.

Petitioner: Mr. Peter F. Fichter.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 61.153(a)

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Mr. Fichter to obtain an airline transport pilot certificate before reaching his 23rd birthday.

Docket No.: 29217.

Petitioner: Mr. Dwight E. Reber.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 21.25(a)(2) and 133.19(a)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Mr. Reber to operate a Russian military Kamov Ka-25 helicopter in the restricted category and evaluate it under part 133 for market production test.

Docket No.: 29169.

Petitioner: Clay Lacy Aviation, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.152(a).