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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Certification Task Force

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 that the next meeting of the RTCA, Inc., Certification Task Force will be held September 10 and 11, 1998, starting at 9:00 a.m., at RTCA, Inc., Suite 1020, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036. This Task Force is reviewing the "end-to-end" certification of advanced avionics systems and, keeping safety as a first priority, developing recommendations for improving the timeliness and reducing the cost of certification.

The meeting agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Opening Remarks; (2) A Presentation by Task Force Co-Chairs Mr. Tony Broderick (former FAA Associate Administrator and now consultant to Airbus) and Mr. Ed Seymour (General Aviation Manufacturers Association); (3) Presentations by the leaders of the four Task Force Working Groups. The presentations will focus on tasking, progress to date and current issues/challenges. Time will be allocated to questions, answers and general discussion.

Concurrent working group sessions will take place at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036, on the afternoon of September 10 and the morning of September 11. A summary plenary session will commence at 11:30 a.m., September 11.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With approval of the co-chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact RTCA at (202) 833-9339 (phone), (202) 833-9434 (fax), or email dclarke@rtca.org (e-mail). Members of the public may present a written statement at any time.

Exceptional circumstances, due to an unanticipated delay in the development and administrative processing of the agenda exist in this instance to permit

public notice of this meeting in less than 15 days.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Program Management Committee (PMC)

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 the RTCA Program Management Committee (PMC) meeting to be held September 28, 1998, starting at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Conference Rooms A and B, Washington DC 20036.

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductions; (2) Review and approval of Summary of Previous Meeting; (3) Consider/Approve: a. Final Draft, Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards for Local Area Augmentation System, RTCA Paper No. 146-98/PMC-018, prepared by SC-159; b. Final Draft, Local Area Augmentation System Interface Control Document, RTCA Paper No. 147-98/PMC-019, prepared by SC-159; c. Final Draft, DO-200A, Standards for Processing Aeronautical Data, RTCA Paper No. 145-98/PMC-017, prepared by SC-181; d. Final Draft, Change 1, DO-215A, Guidance on Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Service (AMSS) End-to-End System Performance, RTCA Paper No. 096-98/PMC-011, prepared by SC-165; e. Final Draft Change 1, DO-186A, Minimum Operational Performance Standard for Airborne Radio Communications Equipment Operating in the Frequency Range 117.975-137,000 MHz, RTCA Paper No. 136-98/PMC-015, prepared by SC-172. (4) Action Item Review: a. Action Item 98-09 for SC-187, Mode S Airborne Beacon and Data Link Systems; b. Action Item 98-13 for SC-189, Air Traffic Services and Interoperability Requirements; c. Action Item 98-15 for PMC members; (5) Discussion: a. New Terms of Reference for SC-192, National Airspace Review; b. Discussion of possible new RTCA activity to address weather requirements-turbulence; (6) Other Business; (7) 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, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Amtrak Reform Council; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Amtrak Reform Council meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) gives notice of a meeting of the Amtrak Reform Council ("ARC"). The purpose of the meeting is to receive a briefing from the Department of Transportation's Inspector General regarding the independent assessment of Amtrak's financial needs and to take up such other matters as the Council or its members deem appropriate.

DATES: The ARC meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, September 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Rooms 6332-6336 in the NASSIF Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Portions of the meeting may be closed to the public at the discretion of the Council if proprietary information is to be discussed. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person whose name is listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexander Chavrid, Passengers Programs Division, Office of Railroad Development, FRA, RDV-13, Mail Stop 20, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 (mailing address only) or by telephone at (202) 493-6380. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and

Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA) as an independent commission to evaluate Amtrak's performance and make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment and productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires: that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that after two years the ARC begin to make findings on whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President or Congressional leaders. Each member is to serve a 5 year term.

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Mark E. Yachmetz,

Chief, Passenger Programs Division.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determination: "Sepphoris Mosaic"

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the object

"Synagogue Mosaic from Sepphoris," to be included in the exhibit, "Sepphoris Mosaic," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, is of cultural significance. This object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the object at the Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA, from on or about September 9, 1998, to on or about December 6, 1998, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Neila Sheahan, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 202/619-5030, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: September 2, 1998.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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