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DATES: Objections to the issuance of a final order in this proceeding are due: October 22, 1998. If objections are filed, answers to objections are due: October 29, 1998. Persons filing pleadings should contact the Department's Foreign Air Carrier Licensing Division at the telephone number listed below for a list of persons to be served with objections and answers to objections.

ADDRESSES: All documents in this proceeding, with appropriate filing copies, should be filed in Docket OST-98-4531, addressed to Central Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Wellington, Foreign Air Carrier Licensing Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 6412, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone (202) 366-2391.

Dated: October 1, 1998.

Patrick V. Murphy,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Acceptance of Noise Exposure Maps and Request for Review of Noise Compatibility Program for Kona International Airport, Kailua-Kona, HI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the Noise Exposure Maps submitted by the State of Hawaii,

Department of Transportation, for the Kona International Airport, under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) and 14 CFR Part 150, are in compliance with applicable requirements. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed Noise Compatibility Program that was submitted for Kona International Airport under Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 in conjunction with the Noise Exposure Map, and that the Noise Compatibility Program will be approved or disapproved on or before March 24, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's acceptance of the Noise Exposure Maps and of the start of its review of the associated Noise Compatibility Program is September 24, 1998. The public comment period ends November 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Welhouse, Airport Planner, Honolulu Airports District Office, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 50244, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850, Telephone: (808) 541-1243. Comments on the proposed Noise Compatibility Program should be submitted to the above office. The Noise Exposure Maps reflecting this FAA action may also be reviewed at the same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the Noise Exposure Maps submitted for Kona International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, effective September 24, 1998. Further, FAA is reviewing a proposed Noise Compatibility Program for that airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before March 24, 1999. This notice also announces the availability of this Noise Compatibility Program for public review and comment.

Under Section 103 of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA Noise Exposure Maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict noncompliance land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted Noise Exposure Maps that are

found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of FAR Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a Noise Compatibility Program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, submitted to the FAA on December 29, 1997 Noise Exposure Maps, descriptions and other documentation which were produced during the preparation of the Kona International Airport Noise Compatibility Study dated December, 1997. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the Noise Exposure Maps, as described in Section 103(a)(1) of the Act, and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a Noise Compatibility Program under Section 104(b) of the Act.

The FAA has completed its review of the Noise Exposure Maps and supporting documentation submitted by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation. The specific maps under consideration are Figures 4-1 and 7-1 in the submission. The FAA has determined that these maps for Kona International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on September 24, 1998. FAA's acceptance of an airport operator's Noise Exposure Maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix (A) of FAR Part 150. Such acceptance does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a Noise Compatibility Program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a Noise Exposure Map, submitted under Section 103 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the Noise Exposure Maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of Section 107 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities

are not changed in any way under FAR Part 150 or through FAA's review of Noise Exposure Maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator which submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under Section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under Section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the Noise Compatibility Program for Kona International Airport, also effective on September 24, 1998. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of Noise Compatibility Programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before March 24, 1999.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 150, Section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety, create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the Noise Exposure Maps, the FAA's evaluation of the maps, and the proposed Noise Compatibility Program are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 617, Washington, DC 20591
 Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, Airports Division, AWP-600, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Room 3012, Hawthorne, California 90261
 Federal Aviation Administration, Honolulu Airports District Office, 400 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 7-128, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
 State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Airports Division, District Office Manager, Kona International Airport, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96745

State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Airports Division, Honolulu International Airport, 400 Rodgers Blvd., Suite 700, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Hawthorne, California on September 24, 1998.

Ellsworth Chan,

Acting Manager, Airports Division, AWP-600, Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Harmonization Initiatives

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration and the Joint Aviation Authorities will convene a meeting to accept input from the public on the Harmonization Work Program. The Harmonization Work Program is the means by which the Federal Aviation Administration and the Joint Aviation Authorities carry out a commitment to harmonize, to the maximum extent possible, the rules regarding the operation and maintenance of civil aircraft, and the standards, practices, and procedures governing the design materials, workmanship, and construction of civil aircraft, aircraft engines, and other components. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to submit input to the Harmonization Work Program. This notice announces the date, time, location, and procedures for the public meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on October 27 and October 29, 1998, starting at 10 a.m. each day. Written comments are also invited and must be received on or before October 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the French Embassy, 4101 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Persons unable to attend the meeting may mail their comments in triplicate to: Brenda Courtney, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-200, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests to attend and present a statement at the meeting or questions

regarding the logistics of the meeting should be directed to Brenda Courtney, Office of Rulemaking, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3327, telefax (202) 267-5075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Aviation Administration and the Joint Aviation Authorities will convene a meeting to accept input from the public on the Harmonization Work Program. The meeting will be held on October 27 and October 29, 1998 at the French Embassy, 4101 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC beginning at 10 a.m. each day. The agenda will include:

October 27, 1998

Review of Action Items from the 1998 Annual Harmonization Conference
 General Session—Industry Issues and Concerns

October 29, 1998

FAA/JAA/Transport Canada News of Interest

General Session—Response to Industry Issues and Concerns

The French Embassy is located directly across from Georgetown Hospital. There is no metrorail transportation nearby; however, bus service is available with a stop directly across from the French Embassy. Taxi service is admitted onto the French Embassy grounds to drop off passengers, and parking is available in the French Embassy parking lot.

Individuals wishing to attend and participate in the meeting must submit name and address information to the person listed under the title **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** not later than October 16, 1998. The list of attendees must be submitted to the Embassy in advance of the meeting.

Participation at the Meeting

The FAA should receive requests from persons who wish to present oral statements at the public meeting no later than October 16, 1998. Such requests should be submitted to Brenda Courtney as listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and should include a written summary of oral remarks to be presented, and an estimate of time needed for the presentation. Requests received after the date specified above will be scheduled if time is available during the meeting; however, the name of those individuals may not appear on the written agenda.

The FAA will prepare a final agenda of speakers, which will be available at the meeting. Every effort will be made to accommodate as many speakers as possible. In addition, the amount of