

techniques that are used to ship cargo and to navigate vessels in the inshore and the offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Vacancies to be filled are for: (1) Two members who are employed by the Port of Houston Authority or have been selected by that entity to represent them; (2) two members who are employed by the Port of Galveston or the Texas City Port Complex or have been selected by those entities to represent them; (3) two members from organizations that represent shipowners, stevedores, shipyards, or shipping organizations domiciled in the State of Texas; (4) two members representing organizations that operate tugs or barges that use the port facilities at Galveston, Houston, and Texas City Port Complex; (5) two members representing shipping companies that transport cargo from the Ports of Galveston and Houston on liners, break-bulk, or tramp-steamer vessels; (6) two members representing those who pilot or command vessels that use the Ports of Galveston and Houston; (7) two at-large members who may represent a particular interest group but who use the port facilities at Galveston, Houston, and Texas City; (8) one member representing labor organizations that load and unload cargo at the Ports of Galveston and Houston; (9) one member representing licensed merchant mariners other than pilots, who perform shipboard duties on vessels that use the port facilities of Galveston and Houston; (10) one member representing environmental interests; and (11) one member representing the general public.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Applicants selected may be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: March 29, 1999.

Paul J. Pluta,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Joint Special Committee 182/ EUROCAE Working Group 48; Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for an Avionics Computer Resource

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 Special Committee (SC)-182/EUROCAE Working Group (WG)-48 meeting to be held May 11-13, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of the Agenda; (3) Review of Meeting Report: Joint RTCA SC-182/EUROCAE WG-48 Meeting, March 9-11, 1999; (4) Disposition of Ballot Comments on MOPS Draft Version 2.0; (5) Discuss Policy for Proprietary References in RTCA Documents Regarding ARINC Specification 653, Standard Software Application Interface; (6) Finalize MOPS version 3.0 and recommend adoption by RTCA and EUROCAE; and (7) Chairman's Remarks on Completion of SC-182 and WG-48 Activities.

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 Aviation Administration

RTCA; special committee 194; ATM Data Link Implementation

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee 194 meeting to be held May 5-7, 1999,

starting at 9:00 a.m. The committee has been formed to produce the guidance and performance requirements necessary to implement data link in the U.S. National Airspace System (NAS), further developing work resulting from the FAA Administrator's NAS Modernization Task Force. Attendance at the May 7 plenary session at MITRE requires prior coordination, which will be arranged for committed registrants. Others who wish to attend the May 7 meeting need to provide name and company affiliation to Ms. Kathy Grover, MITRE, at (703) 883-6638, by April 30. Locations of meetings are provided below.

The schedule and agenda for working group meetings will be as follows:

Wednesday, May 5 (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.): Working Groups (WG)-1, 3, and 4 will meet to begin formulation of work programs and schedules: WG-1, Principles of Operation and Implementation Plan (AMTI, Inc., conference rooms A and B, 1284 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024); WG-3, Human Factors (RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20036); WG-4, Service Provider Interface (Conwal, Inc., 600 Maryland Avenue, SW., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20024.)

Thursday, May 6 (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.): WG's 1-4 formulation of work programs and schedules continues: WG-1, Principles of Operation and Implementation Plan (AMTI, Inc., conference rooms A and B, 1284 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024); WG-2, Flight Operations and Air Traffic Management Integration (ALPA, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC); WG-3, Human Factors (RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036); WG-4, Service Provider Interface (Conwal, Inc., 600 Maryland Avenue, SW., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20024.)

The agenda for the Plenary meeting will be as follows: Friday, May 7 (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) Plenary (MITRE CAASD, Wilson Building, Room 1B02, 7600 Old Springhouse Road, McLean, VA 22102): (1) Welcome and Introductory Remarks; (2) Working Group Reports; (3) Review Working Relationship between Special Committee 194 and Special Committee 189/WG-53; (4) Other Business; (5) Summarize Action Items; (6) Dates and Places of Future Meetings.

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 (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 Aviation Administration

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Satellite Operational Implementation Team (SOIT) hosted forum on the capabilities of the Global Positioning System (GPS)/Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) and Local Area Augmentation System (LAAS).

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Name: FAA SOIT Forum on GPS/WAAS/LAAS Capabilities.

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., May 17-18, 1999.

Place: The Holiday Inn Fair Oaks Hotel, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, Virginia 22033.

Status: Open to the aviation industry with attendance limited to space available.

Purpose: The FAA SOIT will be hosting a public forum to discuss the FAA's GPS approvals and WAAS/LAAS operational implementation plans. This meeting will be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the FAA SOIT and in response to aviation industry requests to the FAA Administrator. Formal presentations by the FAA will be followed by a question and answer session. Those planning to attend are invited to submit proposed discussion topics.

Registration: Participants are requested to register their intent to attend this meeting by May 3, 1999. Names, affiliations, telephone and facsimile numbers should be sent to the point of contact listed below.

Point of Contact: Registration and submission of suggested discussion topics may be made to Mr. Steven Albers, phone (202) 267-7301, fax (202) 267-5086, or email at steven.CTR.albers@faa.gov.

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Hank Cabler,

SOIT Co-Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-99-5500]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1990-1998 Yamaha Virago Motorcycles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1990-1998 Yamaha Virago motorcycles are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1990-1998 Yamaha Virago motorcycles that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATE: The closing date for comments on the petition is May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 9 am to 5 pm].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation

into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

Champagne Imports of Lansdale, Pennsylvania ("Champagne") (Registered Importer 90-009) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether non-U.S. certified 1990-1998 Yamaha Virago motorcycles are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which Champagne believes are substantially similar are 1990-1998 Yamaha Virago motorcycles that were manufactured for importation into, and sale in, the United States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared non-U.S. certified 1990-1998 Yamaha Virago motorcycles to their U.S. certified counterparts, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Champagne submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that non-U.S. certified 1990-1998 Yamaha Virago motorcycles, as originally manufactured, conform to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as their U.S. certified counterparts, or are capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that non-U.S. certified 1990-1998 Yamaha Virago motorcycles are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 106 *Brake Hoses*, 111 *Rearview Mirrors*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 119 *New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*, and 122 *Motorcycle Brake Systems*.

Petitioner additionally contends that the vehicles are capable of being readily altered to meet the following standard, in the manner indicated: