

Dated: September 5, 2003.

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*Acting Director General of the Foreign Service
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2003-54]

Petitions for Exemption; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains the dispositions of certain petitions previously received. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caren Centorelli, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Tel. (202) 267-8199.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR §§ 11.85 and 11.91.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 9, 2003.

Donald P. Byrne,

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Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No. FAA-2002-11998.

Petitioner: Bombardier Aerospace.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 25.785(b).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To provide relief from the general occupant protection requirements of § 25.785(b) for persons occupying multiple-place side-facing seats during takeoff and landing on Bombardier Model BD100-1A10 airplanes manufactured prior to January 1, 2004.

Grant, 09/02/2003, Exemption No. 7884A.

Docket No.: FAA-2002-13385.

Petitioner: Bombardier Aerospace.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 25.785(b).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To provide relief from the general occupant protection requirements of § 25.785(b) for persons occupying multiple-place side-facing seats during takeoff and landing on Bombardier Model BD700-1A10 airplanes manufactured prior to January 1, 2004.

Grant, 09/02/2003, Exemption No. 7120C.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Technical Standard Order—TSO-C39c, 9g Transport Airplane Seats Certified by Static Testing

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request comments on a proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO) C39c, 9g Transport Airplane Seats Certified by Static Testing. The proposed TSO-C39c prescribes the minimum performance standard (MPS) that a seat to be used in a 9g transport category airplane must meet in order to bear the TSO number on its identification plate. This notice also proposes how existing TSO-C39b will be approved for future TSO applications for seats used in normal, utility and acrobatic airplanes and rotorcraft.

DATES: Comments must identify the TSO and be received on or before October 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. ATTN: Mr. Hal Jensen, AIR-120. Or, deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Engineering Division, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Hal Jensen, FAA, Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Technical Programs Branch, AIR-120, Room 835, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8807; fax: (202) 267-5340; e-mail hal.jensen@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they desire, to the aforementioned specified address. Comments received on the proposed TSO may be examined, before the closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

Background

In response to a recommendation the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) streamline the aircraft seat certification processes, we issued a proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO)—C39c, Aircraft Seats and Berths, dated July 12, 2003. The purpose of the proposed TSO-C39c, was to improve the consistent application and interpretation in certifying the 9g static requirement for aircraft seats, and those aircraft seats that must meet the 9g static and 16g dynamic requirements of TSO-C127 and TSO-C127a (TSO-C127/127a).

After considering the comments received, based on our July 12, 2003, request, we decided the FAA and the public would not benefit by combining the static requirements of TSO-C39c with the static requirements of TSO-C127a in this proposed revision. Therefore, proposed TSO-C39c will reference the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) 8049, Performance Standards for Seats in Civil Rotorcraft, Transport Aircraft, and General Aviation Aircraft, Rev. A., resulting in the TSO applying only to 9g transport category airplane seats certified by static testing. Note however, the applicability of TSO-C39b, referencing the National Aircraft Standard (NAS) 809, Specification—Aircraft Seats and Berths, will apply to approval of aircraft berths and 9g seats in normal and utility (Type II), acrobatic (Type III), and rotorcraft (Type IV) only.

Although this proposal splits the TSO-C39 by revisions based on the seat's aircraft applicability, we believe it will resolve more issues than other options would introduce. Therefore, based on the public comments received, we determined the technical and procedural issues of standardizing the static requirements of TSO-C39b and

TSO-C127/127a for transport airplanes is achievable. We also determined standardizing would provide little benefit and potentially higher cost for manufacturers of aircraft seats used in non-transport category airplanes. We accomplish this by referencing the proper industry standard, NAS 809 or SAE AS8049, based on seat "Type" used in TSO-C39b and TSO-C39c respectively.

How To Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed TSO may be obtained via the Internet at, <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/TSOA.htm>, or by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on September 8, 2003.

David W. Hempe,

Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division,
Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2003 16113]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before November 12, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Keith Lesnick, Maritime Administration, (MAR-830), 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-1624, FAX: 202-366-6988; or E-MAIL: keith.lesnick@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Port Facility Conveyance Information.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0524.

Form Numbers: None.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information: Public Law 103-160, which is included in 40 U.S.C. 554 authorizes the Department of Transportation to convey to public entities surplus Federal property needed for the development or operation of a port facility. The information collection will allow MARAD to approve the conveyance of property and administer the port facility conveyance program.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collection is necessary for MARAD to determine whether (1) the community is committed to the redevelopment plan; (2) the plan is in the best interests of the public, and (3) the property is being used in accordance with the terms of the conveyance and applicable statutes and regulations.

Description of Respondents: Eligible state and local public entities.

Annual Responses: Six respondents.

Annual Burden: 768 burden hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Dated: September 8, 2003.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2002-16042]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Emergency Federal Register notice.

SUMMARY: NHTSA has submitted the following request for emergency processing of a public collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to OMB for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the collection of information and its expected burden on the public.

This document describes a collection of information by special order for tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) data from major motor vehicle manufacturers and TPMS suppliers that have a presence in the USA. NHTSA seeks OMB approval of that collection.

Comments: Comments should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

DATES: OMB approval was granted on September 9, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dorothy Nakama, Office of the Chief Counsel, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5219, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Nakama's telephone number is (202) 366-2992.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: Special Order for Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems.

OMB Clearance Number—2127-0633.

Expiration Date of Approval—December 31, 2003.

Summary of Collection of Information—The information requested from the vehicle manufacturers includes a list of all vehicle models available for sale or lease in the USA that indicates the motor vehicle manufacturers' actual or planned TPMS for each vehicle model for model years (MY) 2001 to 2008. The information requested from TPMS suppliers includes current and future production capability of TPMSs for motor vehicles available for sale in the USA.