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Grant, 12/10/2003, Exemption No. 6719C.

Docket No.: FAA-2003-16673.

Petitioner: Davis Aviation, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Davis Aviation, Inc., to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in those aircraft.

Grant, 12/16/2003, Exemption No. 8191.

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15272.

Petitioner: U.S. Airways, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 121.309(b)(4).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To allow U.S. Airways, Inc., to operate aircraft equipped with evacuation slides marked with the date maintenance is due, rather than the date of last inspection.

Grant, 12/17/2003, Exemption No. 8192.

Docket No.: FAA-2003-16694.

Petitioner: Sound Flight.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Sound Flight to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in those aircraft.

Grant, 12/18/2003, Exemption No. 8193.

Docket No.: FAA-2002-11571.

Petitioner: Alpha Aviation, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Alpha Aviation, Inc., to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in those aircraft.

Grant, 12/22/2003, Exemption No. 7164B.

Docket No.: FAA-2002-12174.

Petitioner: Hageland Aviation Services, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Hageland Aviation Services, Inc., to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in those aircraft.

Grant, 12/22/2003, Exemption No. 7183B.

Docket No.: FAA-2002-11570.

Petitioner: SKY Helicopters, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit SKY Helicopters,

Inc., to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in those aircraft.

Grant, 12/22/2003, Exemption No. 6430D.

Docket No.: FAA-2003-16661.

Petitioner: Beck Properties, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Beck Properties, Inc., to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-112C (Mode S) transponder installed in those aircraft.

Grant, 12/22/2003, Exemption No. 8195.

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15646.

Petitioner: Down East Emergency Medical Institute.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 133.45(e)(1).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the Down East Emergency Medical Institute to conduct external-load operations in a restricted-category, single engine, military surplus Bell UH-1H/V (205) Helicopter, with live personnel in the areas surrounding Bangor, Maine and within the operational limits of the aircraft.

Denial, 12/11/2003, Exemption No. 8188.

Docket No.: FAA-2003-16443.

Petitioner: Richard Stuart.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 91.319(a)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To allow Richard Stuart to provide local, aerial scenic tours and perform aerial photography using a fixed-wing, visual flight rules-only, experimental-class aircraft.

Denial, 12/10/2003, Exemption No. 8189.

Docket No.: FAA-2003-16665.

Petitioner: Bald Mountain Air Service, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Bald Mountain Air Service, Inc., to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in those aircraft.

Grant, 12/10/2003, Exemption No. 8187.

Docket No.: FAA-2001-10789.

Petitioner: Tavaero Jet Charter, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR § 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Tavaero Jet Charter, Inc., to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in those aircraft.

Grant, 12/15/2003, Exemption No. 7146B.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss transport airplane and engine (TAE) issues.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for February 10-11, 2004, starting at 8:30 a.m. on February 10. Arrange for oral presentations by February 6.

ADDRESS: Boeing Facility, 1200 Wilson Boulevard, Room 234, Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Effie Upshaw, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-7626, FAX (202) 267-5075, or e-mail at effie.upshaw@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. III), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held February 10-11 in Arlington, Virginia.

The agenda will include:

- Opening remarks
- FAA Report
- European Aviation Safety Agency/ Joint Aviation Authorities Report
- Transport Canada Report
- Executive Committee Report
- Harmonization Management Team Report
- Legal Expectations for ARAC Recommendations
- Human Factors Harmonization Working Group (HWG) Report
- Ice Protection HWG Report
- Avionics HWG Report and Approval

• General Structures HWG Report

• Written reports, as required, from the following harmonization working groups: Engine, Electromagnetic Effects, Flight Test, Seat Test, Flight Control, Flight Guidance, System Design and Analysis, Electrical Systems, Loads and Dynamics, Design for Security, Powerplant Installation, and Mechanical Systems. The Airworthiness Assurance working group may also provide a report.

- Discussion of section 25.1309 phase 2 task
- Review of Action Items and 2004 Meeting Schedule

If all the agenda items are discussed on February 10, no meeting will be held on February 11.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to the availability of meeting room space and telephone lines. Visitor badges are required to gain entrance to the Boeing building where the meeting is being held. For badging purposes, you will need to provide your name, company, and nationality by January 30 to Sharon Neuner, (703) 465-3680, sharon.c.neuner@boeing.com, or the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

For persons participating domestically by telephone, the call-in number is (866) 442-8714; for persons participating internationally, the number is (281) 540-4931. The Passcode for both numbers is: 14169163063. Details are also available on the ARAC calendar at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/arm/araccal/htm>. To insure that sufficient telephone lines are available, please notify the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of your intent by February 6. Anyone participating by telephone will be responsible for paying long-distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by February 6 to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or by providing copies at the meeting. Copies of the documents to be presented to ARAC for decision or as recommendations to the FAA may be made available by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

If you are in need of assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for the meeting or meeting documents, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 14, 2004.

Tony F. Fazio,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 202: Portable Electronic Devices

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 202 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 202: Portable Electronic Devices.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 20-23, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036-5133.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036-5133; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 a Special Committee 202 meeting. The agenda will include:

- *January 20:*
 - Working Groups 1 through 4 meet all day.
- *January 21:*
 - Opening plenary session (welcome and introductory remarks, review agenda, review/approve previous common plenary summary, review open action items).
 - Report from SC-202 Tiger Team Activities December 15-19, 2003.
 - Scoping and Plan for addressing comments.
 - Review Working Group (WG) Progress and Identify Issues for Resolution (will continue into second day as required).
 - Working Group 1 (PEDs characterization, test, and evaluation):
 - Comments and issues will be listed for tracking;
 - What else remains to be done to complete Phase 1 document.
 - Working Group 2 (Aircraft test and analysis):
 - Comments and issues will be listed for tracking;
 - What else remains to be done to complete Phase 1 document.
- *January 22:*
 - Continue plenary session.
 - Working Group 3 (Aircraft systems susceptibility):

- Comments and issues will be listed for tracking;
- What else remains to be done to complete Phase 1 document.
- Working Group 4 (Risk assessment, practical application, and final documentation):
 - Comments and issues will be listed for tracking;
 - What else remains to be done to complete Phase 1 document.
- Issues identified for resolution by several Working Groups:
 - 1 (TBD during work session and plenary);
 - 2 (TBD during work session and plenary);
 - 3 (TBD during work session and plenary).
- Plan for next steps for document:
- Forward to PMC with SC-202 recommendation to publish;
- Allocation of action items of working groups for comments and issues resolution;
- Contingency meeting for plenary session February 10-12, 2004.
- Closing session (other business, date and place of next meeting, closing remarks, adjourn).
- *January 23:*
 - If required, continue and complete.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 18, 2003.

Robert Zoldos,

FAA System Engineer, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System or Relief From the Requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 236

Pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 235 and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), the following railroad has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of the signal system or relief from the