

Route 651 to authorize the carrier to engage in scheduled air transportation of property and mail between points in the United States and points in Thailand and to integrate those services to Thailand with other services Polar Air is authorized to provide pursuant to its other exemption and certificate authority, consistent with applicable international agreements. Polar Air also requests an allocation of two weekly U.S. Thailand all-cargo frequencies with which to conduct its proposed operations.

Docket Number: OST-96-1293.

Date filed: April 22, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 20, 1996.

Description: Application of Air Micronesia, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, for an amendment to its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 170 authorizing Air Micronesia to provide scheduled cargo service in foreign air transportation between Guam and a point or points in Palau, the Philippines and Thailand. Air Micronesia also seeks the right to combine service at the points on this route with service at other points Air Micronesia is authorized to serve by certificates or exemptions, including the authority sought by Air Micronesia in Docket OST-95-682, consistent with applicable international agreements, and Air Micronesia applies for an allocation of 7 weekly roundtrip U.S. Thailand all-cargo frequencies.

Docket Number: OST-96-1298.

Date filed: April 23, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 21, 1996.

Description: Application of Gemini Air Cargo, LLC, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q, of the Regulations, request a certificate of public convenience and necessity to enable it to engage in interstate all-cargo scheduled and charter air transportation.

Docket Number: OST-96-1299.

Date filed: April 23, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 21, 1996.

Description: Application of Gemini Air Cargo, LLC, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to enable it to engage in foreign all-cargo scheduled and charter air transportation.

Docket Number: OST-96-1306.

Date filed: April 24, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 22, 1996.

Description: Application of Alaska Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41101 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests that the Department of Transportation renew Alaska's certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Alaska to engage in the scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Los Angeles, California, on the one hand, and Mazatlan and Puerto Valarta, Mexico, on the other hand; between San Francisco, California, on the one hand, and San Jose del Cabo, Mexico, on the other hand; and between San Diego, California, on the one hand, and San Jose del Cabo, Mexico, on the other hand.

Docket Number: OST-96-1310.

Date filed: April 25, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 23, 1996.

Description: Application of LTU Lufttransport-Unternehmen GmbH. & Co., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41302, applies to add Phoenix, Arizona to its Foreign Air Carrier Permit as a coterminal point for scheduled service between Germany and the United States.

Docket Number: OST-96-1318.

Date filed: April 26, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 24, 1996.

Description: Application of Continental Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests a five-year renewal of its Route 645 certificate authority to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Houston and the coterminal points of Barranquilla, Bogota and Cali, Colombia, via the intermediate point of San Jose, Costa Rica, and to combine services on Route 645 with other Continental services authorized by certificate and exemption in compliance with applicable bilateral agreements.

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Federal Highway Administration

Efficiency, Quality and Effectiveness of Existing Civil Rights Programs; Roundtable Discussions

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The FHWA announces a series of roundtable conferences to obtain information on issues relating to the efficiency, quality, and effectiveness of existing civil rights programs. The agenda for the roundtable discussions includes the topics of state internal and contractor equal employment opportunity (EEO) programs, supportive services, and the administration of specific nondiscrimination statutes. Although the meeting will be open to the public, space will be limited; therefore, the FHWA requests that persons interested in attending the meeting preregister by contacting the "contact person" listed below at least three days prior to the meeting. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program will not be discussed at these roundtables. The DBE program is currently being addressed by a separate interagency workgroup.

DATES: Public meetings will be held at each of the following locations within the span of one day from 8 a.m. to Noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Specific dates and exact locations are as follows:

On May 22, 1996, at Portland State University, Smith Memorial Center, Rooms SMC 294 and SMC 296,724 South West Harrison Street, Portland, Oregon 97201, contact person: Willie Harris, ph. (503) 326-2067.

On June 4, 1996, at Marque Hotel, 111 Perimeter Center West Atlanta, Georgia 30346, contact person: Pamela Foster, ph. (404) 347-4791.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Linda J. Brown, Chief, Policy and Program Development Division, Office of Civil Rights, Telephone: (202) 366-0471; FAX: (202) 366-1599. Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: April 30, 1996.

Edward W. Morris, Jr.,

Director, Office of Civil Rights.

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Federal Railroad Administration

[FRA Docket Number HS-95-14]

**Petition for Waiver of Compliance
Association of American Railroads**

In accordance with title 49 CFR 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Association of American Railroads (AAR), trade association of railroads, has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), on behalf of its members and other interested railroads, for exemption from or waiver of compliance with a requirement of its safety standards. The petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being requested.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis of their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate waiver petition docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number HS-95-14) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) in room 8201, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

The AAR, acting as a representative for its association members requests a master waiver of compliance with certain provisions of FRA Safety Regulations (Hours of Service of Railroad Employees). The master waiver requested seeks relief from Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 228.9(a)(1) for railroads utilizing a computerized system of recording hours of duty data. Part 228.9(a)(1) requires that records maintained under Part 228 be signed by the employee whose time is being recorded, or in the case of train and engine crews, signed by the ranking crew member.

The AAR is proposing that railroads seeking to establish a computerized system of recording hours of duty information apply to FRA for approval under the master waiver. Applications should specify the covered service function (train/engine/yard, dispatcher/operator and/or signal) for which signature relief is requested.

When accessing the computer for input of the hours of duty record, required by Part 228.11, the AAR proposes that a secure password or personal identification number "pin" will be utilized and will not appear on the computer screen when the employee enters his or her password or "pin." The password or "pin" is proposed to satisfy the signature requirements of Part 228.9(a)(1). The AAR maintains the master waiver will reduce the burden of individual waivers on each railroad seeking similar technological advances to modernize recordkeeping. After adequate testing and compliance verified, a railroad making request for inclusion under the master waiver may be granted relief from the signature provisions of Part 228.9.

FRA's basic criteria for an electronic "signatureless" hours of duty recordkeeping system, established under a prior waiver application, is as follows. For purposes of inspection and printing, the electronically displayed record of any proposed computerized hours of duty recordkeeping system should be: (1) Crew based, by train or job symbol, and (2) duty tour oriented. The record should include all covered and commingled service within a duty tour. The system must also meet the following three general requirements.

1. Security. The integrity of the program and data base must be protected by a security system that restricts access to data input and protects against any alteration of the original record after entry. The security system should utilize an employee identification and secure password technique or a comparable method that establishes levels of program access.

2. Audit Trail. The program must include the capability to uniquely identify the inputting individual. Since one record may have more than one inputter, the program must be able to "split" the base record into component records that identify data entered by specific individuals. In addition, the program must be accessible through various railroad field locations and remote non-railroad locations. The latter may be accomplished through the use of a modem connection between the railroad and FRA.

3. Program Logic. The program must satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR Part

228.11. The program must address all possible reporting events required in Part 228.11 consistent with FRA's application of the Federal hours of service law.

During the waiver review process, if the railroad wishes to test "signatureless" hours of duty recordkeeping, the railroad must maintain a parallel system utilizing signed "hard copies" in addition to the electronic data being tested. The railroad should develop an electronic data base sufficient to facilitate a field review by FRA. The railroad may elect to implement electronic recordkeeping along function, division or craft boundaries. Therefore, the data offered for FRA review should include all covered service within the parameters of the requested relief.

Instructional guides, based on covered service functions, are available by direct contact (Dan Norris 202 366-0503) or mailing request to the Federal Railroad Administration, Operating Practice Division—RRS11, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 ATTN: Dan Norris.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 29, 1996.

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Surface Transportation Board

[Ex Parte No. MC-198 (Sub-No. 1)]

**Policy Statement on Motor Contract
Requirements Under the Negotiated
Rates Act of 1993**

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board (Board),¹ DOT.

ACTION: Termination of Proceeding.

SUMMARY: The Board is terminating this proceeding in which the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) had solicited comment on its policy statement explaining and interpreting statutory requirements governing the form and minimum content requirements for transportation agreements executed by motor contract carriers.

DATES: This action is made on May 3, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Martin, (202) 927-6033;

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (ICCTA), which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Board.