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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Notice of Application for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending October 24, 1997

The following Applications for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* OST-97-3036.

*Date Filed:* October 22, 1997.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* November 19, 1997.

*Description:* Application of Singapore Airlines Limited pursuant to 49 U.S.C., Section 41301, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for an amendment to its foreign air carrier permit authorizing SIA to operate scheduled combination and all-cargo services on the following routing: From points behind Singapore via Singapore and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond.

*Docket Number:* OST-97-3040.

*Date Filed:* October 23, 1997.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* November 20, 1997.

*Description:* Application of Valujet Airlines, Inc. d/b/a Air Tran Airlines, pursuant to U.S. CFR Part 215, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, requests the Department to register its new corporate name AIRTRAN AIRLINES, INC., reissue its Certificate in the name of AIRTRAN AIRLINES, INC., and grant such other relief that it may find to be in the public interest. It is further requested that the effective date for all such changes be November 18, 1997.

*Docket Number:* OST-97-3049.

*Date Filed:* October 24, 1997.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* November 21, 1997.

*Description:* Application of AIRPortland, Inc., pursuant to U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing interstate scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail: Between any point in any state in the United States or the District of Columbia, or any territory or possession of the United States, and any other point in any state of the United States or the District of Columbia, or any territory or possession of the United States.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Training and Qualifications Issues—New Task

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of new task assignments for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of new tasks assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Toula, Federal Aviation Administration, Flight Standards Service, AFS-210, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; phone (202) 267-3729; fax (202) 267-5229.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitment to harmonize its Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

One area ARAC deals with is training and qualifications issues. These issues involve training and qualification of air

carrier crewmembers and other air transport employees.

#### The Tasks

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendation on the following harmonization tasks:

Task 1. Determine the benefits of licensing harmonization.

Task 2. Define criteria for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) conversion of Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) issued licenses, and for JAA conversion of FAA issued licenses. Consider only the Airline Transport Pilot license, except where that license might convert to only a Commercial pilot license. Include a review of type and class ratings and instructor ratings and qualifications, as and if necessary.

Task 3. Develop a recommendation, with justification, on whether the product (i.e., a specific level of license or certificate) should be harmonized, or the process (i.e., the curriculum, prerequisite experience, length of training, etc.) should be harmonized.

(a) If recommending that the product should be harmonized, develop a matrix of essential requirements for the FAA and JAA to impose on license holders of the other in order to convert licenses.

(b) If recommending that the process should be harmonized, develop a matrix of specific differences and how those differences should be equalized.

(c) Make specific recommendations about which FAA regulations or Joint Aviation Requirements should be changed to achieve the recommended actions. Any recommendations requiring changes to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations must be forwarded to the FAA for consideration of rulemaking priority, resource allocation, and additional tasking to ARAC to develop rulemaking, as appropriate.

Task 4. Review the current standards of 14 CFR sections 61.75 and 61.77 as part of the overall task. In light of this review, recommend appropriate guidance material that could later be incorporated into advisory material or an appendix to 14 CFR part 61 that contains the criteria developed in task 3 (a) or (b) above.

The FAA expects ARAC to complete these tasks within 12 months and submit a report through ARAC to the FAA and to the JAA.

#### ARAC Acceptance of Tasks

ARAC has accepted the tasks and has chosen to establish a new Licensing Harmonization Working Group. The working group will serve as staff to