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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

ARAC to assist ARAC in the analysis of the assigned task. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the FAA as ARAC recommendations.

#### Working Group Activity

As is the case with all harmonization working groups, meetings of the Licensing Harmonization Working Group will be held alternatively between the United States and Europe. Tentatively, the next two meetings will be held in Washington, DC, in January 1998 and in Hoofddorp, The Netherlands, in February 1998.

The Licensing Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend to ARAC a work plan for completion of the tasks, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider Training and Qualifications Issues held following publication of this notice.

2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation to ARAC of the proposed recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.

3. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider Training and Qualifications Issues.

#### Participation in the Working Group

The Licensing Harmonization Working Group is composed of experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the tasks, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. The request will be reviewed by the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair, and the individual will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated. Requests to participate on the Licensing Harmonization Working Group should be submitted no later than November 28, 1997. To the extent possible, the composition of the working group will be balanced among the aviation interests selected to participate.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public

interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Licensing Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 29, 1997.

**Thomas K. Toula,**

*Assistant Executive Director for Training and Qualifications Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA, Inc. Special Committee 187; Mode Select Beacon and Data Link System

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 187 meeting to be held on November 18, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: (1) Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of the Agenda; (3) Review and Approval of the Summary of the Previous Meeting; (4) Review and Approval of Change 3 to RTCA/DO-181A; (5) Review and Approval of Change 2 to RTCA/DO-218; (6) Other Business; (7) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

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, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, D.C. 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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**Janice L. Peters,**

*Designated Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Marquette County Airport, Marquette, MI and to Use the Revenue at Sawyer Airport, Marquette, MI

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to rule on application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Marquette County Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address:

Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Harold R. Pawley, Airport Manager, of the County of Marquette Airport, at the following address: 198-B Airport Road, Negaunee, Michigan 49866.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the County of Marquette under section 158.23 of part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jon Gilbert, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111 (313) 487-7281). The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose a PFC at Marquette County Airport and use the revenue at Sawyer Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On October 15, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to