

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Draft Advisory Circular (AC) No. 120-28D, Criteria for Approval of Category III Weather Minima for Takeoff, Landing, and Rollout**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft advisory circular.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft AC, recommended by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARCA), which provides information and guidance on obtaining and maintaining approval of Category III landing weather minima and low visibility takeoff criteria, including the installation and approval of associated aircraft systems. This draft AC would incorporate changes to AC 20-57 resulting from the harmonization efforts of the Federal Aviation Administration, European Joint Aviation Authority and other regulatory authorities. This notice solicits public comment on the draft AC.

DATES: Comments on the draft AC must be received on or before July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the draft AC to Jim Enias, Technical Programs Division (AFS-400), Room 835, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Enias, Technical Programs Division (AFS-400), Federal Aviation Administration, Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-7211.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested parties to submit comments on this draft AC, as recommended by the ARAC. Commenters should identify AC 120-28D and submit comments to the person and address listed above. The FAA will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments before completing its review of this ARAC recommended AC. The recommended draft AC and comments received may be inspected at the Office of Flight Standards Service, Technical Programs Division, Room 935, Federal Aviation Administration (Federal Office Building 10A), between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Background

This draft AC was received from the ARAC on December 15, 1997. The AC recommended by the ARAC would set

forth an acceptable means, but not the only means, of obtaining and maintaining approval of operations in Category III landing weather minima and low visibility takeoff criteria including the installation and approval of associated aircraft systems. It includes additional or revised Category III criteria for use in conjunction with heads-up displays, satellite navigation systems, low visibility takeoff guidance systems, wide-body fail passive operations, and use of Category III criteria during certain engine inoperative operations.

This draft AC should be reviewed in conjunction with the regulatory requirements of 14 CFR parts 121, 125, and 135, as applicable. This draft AC would not change, add, or delete any regulatory requirement or authorize any deviation from parts 121, 125, or 135.

This draft revision also updates and incorporates provisions of the former AC 20-57 into AC 120-28, since AC 20-57's former provisions are directly related to and dependent on criteria provided in the draft AC.

The FAA is currently reviewing this ARAC recommendation and may make revisions to this document before it is issued. These revisions may include editorial changes to ensure that this AC does not impose requirements on operators independent of the current regulations. The regulations themselves, referenced in the draft AC, may be reviewed for revisions, as appropriate. It should be noted that the draft AC explicitly states that nothing in it is intended to preclude an operator from proposing and demonstrating to the FAA its ability to operate to Category III minima with a different equipment configuration, or alternatively to an RVR minima lower than presently described in this document.

If, after review of this recommendation, the FAA decides to make any substantive changes in the draft AC, the revised document will be made available again for comment before final issuance.

This draft revision incorporates changes resulting from the first steps toward international all weather operations criteria harmonization taken by the FAA, JAA, and several other regulatory authorities. Subsequent revisions of this AC are planned as additional all weather operations harmonization items are agreed and completed by FAA and JAA, or internationally.

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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 June 8 and 9, 1998, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on June 8. Arrange for oral presentations by June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Aerospace Industries Association, 1250 Eye Street, NW. (Suite 1100), Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Effie M. Upshaw, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-7626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App II), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held June 8-9, 1998, at Aerospace Industries Association, 1250 Eye Street, NW. (Suite 1100), Washington, DC. The agenda will include:

Monday, June 8, 1998

- Opening Remarks.
- FAA Report.
- Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) Report.
- Transport Canada Report.
- Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting Report.
- Harmonization Management Team Report.
- Harmonization Program Plan.
- Flight Test Harmonization Working Group (HWG) Report.
- Systems Design and Analysis HWG Report and Vote.
- Ice Protection HWG Report.
- Powerplant Installation HWG Report.
- Engine HWG Report.
- Flight Guidance System HWG Report.