

Dated: November 9, 1998.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Renewal of Treatment on Government Procurement of Products from Countries Designated under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act

Under the authority delegated to me by the President in section 1-201 of Executive Order 12260 of December 31, 1980, I hereby direct that products of countries, listed below, designated by the President as beneficiaries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2701, et. seq.), shall continue to be treated as eligible products for purposes of section 1-101 of Executive Order 12260 until September 30, 1999. Additionally, products of Panama shall continue to be treated as eligible products for purposes of section 1-101 of Executive Order 12260 until September 30, 2000. Such treatment shall not apply to products originating in these countries that are excluded from duty free treatment under 19 U.S.C. 2703(b). Decisions on the subsequent renewal of this treatment beyond September 30, 1999, and September 30, 2000 for Panama, will be based on beneficiaries' efforts to improve domestic procurement practices, their support for relevant international initiatives, including in the World Trade Organization (WTO) Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement, and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) Negotiating Group on Government Procurement, including support for an FTAA Agreement on Transparency as an element of business facilitation, and on progress toward accession to the WTO Government Procurement Agreement.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

List of Countries Designated as Beneficiary Countries for Purpose of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA):

Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominica, the Dominican Republic; El Salvador; Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, the Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the

Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Saint Kitts-Nevis, British Virgin Islands.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists those forms, reports, and recordkeeping requirements imposed upon the public which were transmitted by the Department of Transportation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its approval in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35). Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the **Federal Register**, listing information collection request submitted to OMB for approval or renewal under that Act. OMB reviews and approves agency submissions in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act. In carrying out its responsibilities, OMB also considers public comments on the proposed forms and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. OMB approval of an information collection requirement must be renewed at least once every three years.

The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on information collection 2120-0034 was published on September 4, 1998 (63 FR 47340).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the DOT information collection requests submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Judith Street, Federal Aviation Administration, Corporate Information Division, ABC-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., (202) 267-9895, Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Commuter Operations and General Certification and Operations Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0593.

Form(s): FAA Form 8400-6.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Transition of some 135 carriers to part 121 rules.

Abstract: The regulation requires that certain commuter operators conduct their operations under part 121 instead of part 135. Affected operators include those conducting scheduled, passenger-carrying operations with airplanes with 10-30 seats. The reporting requirements are similar but different between parts 121 and 135. This submission reflects only the additional burden associated with part 135 carriers transitioning to part 121 standards.

There will be a change to the collection of information. The transition portion of this rule is complete. However, Part 119 continues to cover new carriers and some ongoing requirements. The burden associated with the transition portion will be removed, and only burden associated with new carriers and ongoing requirements will be reflected in the updated submission.

Estimated Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 8,803 hours.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the DOT information collection request should be forwarded, within 30 days of publication, to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, Washington, D.C. 20503, ATTN: FAA Desk Officer. If you anticipate submitting substantive comments, but find that more than 10 days from the date of publication are needed to prepare them, please notify the OMB official of your intent immediately.

Comments Are Invited On

Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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