

articles and defense services pursuant to section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 4, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip S. Rhoads, Chief, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (703) 875-6644.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been taken pursuant to sections 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2778) and 126.7(1) and (2) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR 126.7(1) and (2)) in furtherance of the national security and foreign policy of the United States. It will remain in force until rescinded.

This action also precludes the use by such entities and persons of any exemptions from license or other approval requirements included in the ITAR (22 CFR parts 120-130).

Dated: December 21, 1998.

Michael T. Dixon,

Assistant Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2946]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law; Notice of Renewal of Charter

The Charter of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law was renewed on December 2, 1998 and expires on December 2, 2000.

The Advisory Committee assists the State Department to monitor domestic and international developments in private international law, and provides information to assist in the development of United States positions for international efforts to negotiate uniform rules of private law by treaty, model national laws, and other means.

The Advisory Committee has focussed on work undertaken or proposed for various international bodies, including the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the Hague Conference on Private International Law; the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), the Organization of American States (OAS), and others. The Committee reviewed proposed positions for the negotiation at the Hague Conference of a multilateral convention on jurisdiction and enforcement of foreign judgments; the United Nations

model international law on cross-border insolvency; the 1996 Hague Convention on the Protection of Minors; new UN Rules on electronic commerce; proposed positions on UNCITRAL work on international digital signature systems; and proposed federal legislation to implement the Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption.

In addition to persons designated as members who represent interested nationally-based groups, broad public participation is relied on for the Committee's work, and a wide range of experts and interest groups participate as a regular part of the Committee's work throughout the year. Public notice is provided for all meetings and public notice is provided as well for comment on various international documents and proposals.

Harold S. Burman,

Executive Director, Secretary of State's, Advisory Committee on Private International Law.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending December 25, 1998

The following Applications for Certificates 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-1998-4605.

Date Filed: December 22, 1998.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: January 19, 1999.

Description: Amendment No. 2 of the Application of Cargolux Airlines International, S.A., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41302, and Subpart Q, requests an amendment of its Foreign Air Carrier Permit to authorize it to provide Seventh Freedom all-cargo charter services as specifically added to

the United States-Luxembourg Air Transport Agreement.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Air Carrier Operations Issues—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

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

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Quentin J. Smith, Federal Aviation Administration (AFS-200), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; phone (202) 267-5819; 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 regulations and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

One area ARAC deals with is air carrier operations issues. These issues involve the operational requirements for air carriers, including crewmember requirements, airplane operating performance and limitations, and equipment requirements.

The Tasks

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

Tasks 1 through 3 have been previously published and are restated here for continuity; Task 4 is new and is hereby added by this notice. Task 4 also cites the required completion date for all tasks.

Airplane Performance Operating Limitations

1. Review FAA and JAA airplane

operational performance requirements (14 CFR parts 121 and 135/JAR-OPS) and develop a list of differences between the two sets of requirements. (Use should be made of preliminary work on the task carried out by industry). During this review, if differences are identified in the associated certification requirements, such differences should be reported to the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) and the Harmonization Management Team by the FAA and JAA contracts.

2. When the first step is completed, explore the feasibility of harmonization of each identified difference in the following order of priority: Performance Class A, Class B, and Class C.

3. Develop recommendations for common (harmonized) operational performance requirements for those items identified under item 2 above as being feasible for harmonization. If the working group determines FAA rulemaking is required, that determination must be forwarded to the FAA for consideration of rulemaking priority, resource allocation, and additional tasking to ARAC, as appropriate.

4. *(The new task)* Within one year of publication of this revised ARAC task in the **Federal Register**, recommend: a) whether the standards adopted by the FAA on February 18, 1997, in the final rule, "Improved Standards for Determining Rejected Takeoff and Landing Performance," should be applied retroactively to airplanes currently in use or airplanes of existing approved designs that will be manufactured in the future; and b) whether to adopt a requirement for operators to take into account any distance needed to align the airplane on the runway in the direction of takeoff. The standards referenced in (a) revise the method for taking into account the time needed for the pilot to accomplish the procedures for a rejected takeoff; require that takeoff performance be determined for wet runways; and require that rejected takeoff and landing stopping distances be based on worn brakes, but apply only to airplanes whose type certification basis includes Amendment 25-92 (effective March 20, 1998) or equivalent. JAR-OPS 1 requires operators of Performance Class A airplanes to take wet runways and runway alignment distance into account regardless of the type certification basis of the airplane.

Working Group Activity

The Airplane Performance 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 a work plan for completion of the tasks, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider air carrier operations issues held following publication of this notice.

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

3. Draft an appropriate report.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider air carrier operations issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Airplane Performance Harmonization Working Group is composed of experts having an interest in the assigned tasks. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee. The working group has formed. However, an individual who has specific expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should contact 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. 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 Airplane Performance 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.

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Quentin J. Smith,

Assistant Executive Director, Air Carrier Operations Issues Group, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 193/Eurocae Working Group 44; Terrain and Airport Databases

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 193/EUROCAE Working Group 44 meeting to be held January 18-21, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. on January 18. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Denver Technical Center, 7007 South Clinton Street, Englewood, Colorado.

The agenda will be as follows: Monday, January 18, Opening Plenary Session: (1) Chairmen's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review/Approval of Meeting Agenda; (3) Review of Summary of the Previous Meeting (4) Subgroup 2, Terrain and Obstacle Databases: (a) Review of Summary of the Previous Meeting; (b) Review of Actions Taken during the Previous Meeting; (c) Presentations; (d) Review of the Draft Document. Tuesday, January 19: (5) Subgroup 2, continuation of previous day's discussions. Wednesday, January 20: (6) Subgroup 3, Airport Databases. Thursday, January 21: (7) Subgroup 3, continuation of previous day's discussions. Closing Plenary Session: (8) Summary of Subgroups 2 and 3 Meetings; (9) Assign Tasks; (10) Other Business; (11) Dates and Locations of Next Meetings; (12) Adjourn.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, 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, NW., Washington, DC, 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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Richard A. Cox,

Designated Official.

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