

Background

This AC is on the subject of continued airworthiness of aircraft engines type certificated under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 33 (14 CFR part 33). The information and guidance presented in this AC would provide a method that can be used to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of § 33.4 and Appendix A to part 33—Instructions for Continued Airworthiness.

This advisory circular would be published under the authority granted to the Administrator by 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701–44702, 44704 and would provide guidance for the requirements in 14 CFR part 33.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on March 26, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for Terminal Doppler Weather Radar to Serve John F. Kennedy International and LaGuardia Airports, New York City, NY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44501 and 44502 and in accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and FAA Order 1050.1D—Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts, the FAA has issued a Record of Decision for Terminal Doppler Weather Radar to Serve John F. Kennedy International and LaGuardia Airports, New York, New York. After careful review of the administrative record, including the final environmental impact statement (EIS) released in January 1999, it is the final determination of the FAA that installation and operation of the terminal Doppler weather radar (TDWR) to serve John F. Kennedy International (JFK) and LaGuardia (LGA) Airports at the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Air Station Brooklyn site in Kings County, New York, is approved. The installation of a single TDWR to serve both JFK and LGA Airports is consistent with the responsibilities of the FAA Administrator under 49 U.S.C. 44501

and 44502 et seq. This action is also consistent with direction provided by Congress in the 1995 Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Pub L. 103–331 (Sept. 30, 1994) Conference Report on H.R. 4556, 103rd Congress, 2nd Session, 140 Congressional Record 9–603 (Sept. 26, 1994). In reaching this decision, careful consideration has been given to aviation safety and operational needs as well as potential environmental effects. Therefore, by order of the Administrator a single TDWR will be installed at U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Brooklyn site.

This order is subject to review within 60 days in the U.S. Court of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 46110. This ROD will be sent to those parties who have indicated an interest in this TDWR project. The FAA will publish legal notices in newspapers of the affected area of New York City announcing this decision and the availability of this ROD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE RECORD OF DECISION OR FINAL EIS, CONTACT: Jerome D. Schwartz, Environmental Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Environmental Lead for TDWR, AND–402, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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James C. Link,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee (ATPAC) will be held to review present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, clarification, and upgrading of terminology and procedures.

DATES: The meeting will be held from April 19–22, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the MacCracken room, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Eric Harrell, Executive Director, ATPAC, En Route/Terminal Operations and Procedures Division, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267–3725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ATPAC to be held April 19 through April 22, 1999, in the MacCracken Room, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

The agenda for this meeting will cover: a continuation of the Committee's review of present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, clarification, and upgrading of terminology and procedures. It will also include:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Submission and Discussion of Areas of Concern.
3. Discussion of Potential Safety Items.
4. Report from Executive Director.
5. Items of Interest.
6. Discussion and agreement of location and dates for subsequent meetings.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Chairperson, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons desiring to attend and persons desiring to present oral statements should notify the person listed above not later than April 16, 1999. The next quarterly meeting of the FAA ATPAC is planned to be held from July 26–29, 1999, in Osh Kosh, Wisconsin.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time at the address given above.

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Eric Harrell,

Executive Director, Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss aircraft certification procedures issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 15, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by April 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, N.W., Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005-2485.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marisa Mullen, Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-205), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-7653, fax: (202) 267-5075.

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 hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to be held on April 15, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW., Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005-2485.

The agenda for this meeting will include:

- (1) A status report on the FAA submitted rulemaking projects for "Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products", "Establishment of Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Procedures", and "Production Certification and Parts Manufacturing";
- (2) A status report on the Delegation Working Group tasking;
- (3) A status report on the Parts and Production Certification Working Group tasking; and
- (4) A discussion of future meeting dates, locations, activities; and plans.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by April 5, 1999, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 26, 1999.

Brian Yanez,

Assistant Executive Director for Aircraft Certification Procedures Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-98-4334]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: The FHWA announces its decision to exempt 23 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

DATES: April 5, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the vision exemptions in this notice, Ms. Sandra Zywock, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-2987; for information about legal issues related to this notice, Ms. Judith Rutledge, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-0834, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Background

Twenty-four individuals petitioned the FHWA for a waiver of the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. They are Gary R. Andersen, Joe F. Arnold, Jack E. Atkinson, Gary A. Barrett, Ivan L. Beal, Johnny A. Beutler, Richard D. Carlson, David John Collier, Tomie L. Estes, Jay E. Finney, Britt D. Hazelwood, Jon R. Houston, Chad M.

Kallhoff, Loras G. Knebel, Rodney D. Lemburg, Dexter L. Myhre, James H. Oppliger, Stephanie D. Randels, Duane L. Riendeau, Darrell Rohlf, Marvin L. Swillie, Larry Waldner, and Ronald Watt. The FHWA evaluated the petitions on their merits, as required by the decision in *Rauenhorst v. United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration*, 95 F.3d 715 (8th Cir. 1996), and made a preliminary determination that the waivers should be granted. On December 1, 1998, the agency published notice of its preliminary determination and requested comments from the public (63 FR 66226). The comment period closed on December 31, 1998. One comment was received, and its contents were carefully considered by the FHWA in reaching the final decision to grant the petitions.

The FHWA has not made a decision on one applicant, Mr. Jon R. Houston of Iowa. Subsequent to the publication of the preliminary determination, the agency received additional information from the Iowa Department of Transportation, and we are evaluating that information. A decision on Mr. Houston's petition will be made in the future.

When the remaining 23 individuals filed their vision waiver applications on various dates before June 9, 1998, the FHWA was authorized by 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) to waive the vision standard if the agency determined the waiver was consistent with the public interest and the safe operation of CMVs. As the statute did not limit the effective period of a waiver, the agency had discretion to issue waivers for any period warranted by the circumstances of a request.

On June 9, 1998, the FHWA's waiver authority changed with enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Pub. L. No. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107. Section 4007 of TEA-21 amended the waiver provisions of 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) to change the standard for evaluating waiver requests, to distinguish between a waiver and an exemption, and to establish term limits for both. Under revised sections 31315 and 31136(e), the FHWA may grant a waiver for a period of up to 3 months or an exemption for a renewable 2-year period. The 23 applications in this proceeding fall within the scope of an exemption request under the revised statute.

The amendments to 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) also changed the criteria for exempting a person from application of a regulation. Previously an exemption was appropriate if it was consistent with the public interest and the safe