

Exchange proposes to amend By-Law Article X, § 10–20 to reduce the number of these Committees from three (one respecting each of the three trading floors) to one, as well as to ensure that the Committee will contain at least as many non-industry as industry members. The current language requires that the present Committees are “equally balanced”. The proposed language gives the Exchange more flexibility to constitute the proposed Committee while retaining the appropriate non-industry representation.<sup>7</sup> The exchange proposes to amend By-Law Article X, § 10–16, 10–17 and 10–19 to conform the language contained therein to the existence of only one Quality of Markets Committee. The Exchange believes that these changes should also improve the input of the Quality of Markets Committee on the overall committee process by taking advantage of the overlap in issues emanating from each of the three trading floors, as well as providing for more singular input. In summary, these proposed amendments are designed to create a more efficient committee process and save the Exchange certain costs related to convening committees.

Given the composition requirements of the Committees and the scheduling problems associated with convening meetings in Philadelphia for a significant number of public, non-industry as well as industry Governors not associated with Philadelphia-based member organizations, the proposed amendments are designed to make the Committee process more efficient, while lowering costs. The Exchange believes that this consolidation of committee functions will be beneficial to the functioning of the committee process by decreasing the number of committee assignments for some public, non-industry and industry Governors, allowing them to concentrate more of their energies to their remaining assignments. The Exchange believes the quality of information received from the committees by the Board of Governors will not be affected by the consolidation.

## 2. Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6 and, specifically with Section 6(b)(3) of the Act, in that it continues to assure Phlx members fair representation in the administration of the Exchange's affairs

<sup>7</sup> The proposed language provides that “[t]he [Quality of Markets] Committee will have broad representation that shall include at least as many non-industry as industry Committee members” See Proposed Phlx By-Law Art. X, § 10.20.

by providing a committee structure that is more efficient and accessible in achieving the goals of the Exchange and the membership.

### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.

### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

## IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549–0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at the above address. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the self-regulatory organization. All submissions should

refer to File No. SR–Phlx–99–26 and should be submitted by March 27, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3230]

### Renewal of Defense Trade Advisory Group Charter

The Charter of the Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) is being renewed for a two-year period. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade specialists appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Slack, DTAG Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Office of Regional Security and Arms Transfer Policy (PM/RSAT), Room 7424 Main State, Washington, D.C. 20520–2422. Phone: (202) 647–2882, Fax: (202) 647–9779.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

**Gregory M. Suchan,**

*Executive Secretary, Defense Trade Advisory Group, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Implementation of Air Traffic Noise Abatement Procedures at T.F. Green Airport, Warwick, RI

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations (Authority: 40 CFR 1500–1508) and FAA Order 1050.1D, Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is making available the Draft

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12)

Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for implementation of the proposed air traffic noise abatement procedures contained in the update of the Noise Compatibility Program for T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, RI.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted prior to April 26, 2000. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Warwick, RI.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all written comments to Ms. Terry Flieger, Environmental Specialist, FAA, Air Traffic Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803. Oral or written comments may also be given at the public hearing that will be held at the Veterans Memorial High School Auditorium/Cafeteria, 2401 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Terry Flieger, 781-238-7524.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA is making available the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the following proposed action: the implementation of seven noise abatement departure procedures and one noise abatement arrival procedure including other associated noise compatibility program mitigation measures that were recommended in the T.F. Green Noise Compatibility Program Update. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared and will be available for public review and comment. This document will be available 30 days prior to the April 12, 2000, hearing during normal business hours at the following locations:

T.F. Green Airport, 2000 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886-1533  
Warwick Town Hall, Clerk's Office, 3275 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886  
Cranston Town Hall, 869 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910  
Central Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI 02886  
Apponaug Public Library, 3267 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886  
Cranston Public Library, 140 Socknest Cross Road, Cranston, RI 02920  
Norwood Public Library, 328 Pawtuxet Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888  
Conimicut Public Library, 55 Beach Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed actions. During the hearing the public will be given an opportunity to present oral and/or written comments for the public record. This hearing is being held pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190) and other laws as applicable.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

**William C. Yuknewicz,**

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, FAA, New England Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA, Inc.; Government/Industry Certification Steering Committee

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 RTCA Government/Industry Certification Steering Committee meeting to be held March 17, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, in the Bessie Coleman Conference Center, Room 2AB (second floor).

Formation of the Certification Steering Committee is a follow-on initiative recommended in RTCA's Report of Task Force 4, Certification. The concept of the Certification Steering Committee is supported by the FAA and will provide a public advisory forum for developing consensus-based recommendations for implementing the opportunities identified by Task Force 4. The Task Force completed its work in 1999 and published its findings in the "Final Report of RTCA TASK FORCE 4, Certification." This report serves as a starting point for the Certification Steering Committee.

The Certification Steering Committee is Co-Chaired by Mr. Tom McSweeney, FAA Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification and Mr. Clay Jones, President, Rockwell Collins. The Certification Steering Committee will function as a Federal Advisory Committee with all meetings open to the public.

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductory Remarks; (a) RTCA Certification Activity Structure and Procedures; (b) Review Steering Committee Charter; (2) Background: (c) Task Force Four (TF4) Recommendations; (3) Certification Select Committee: (d) Membership; (e) Terms of Reference and Proposal for Implementing TF4 Recommendations; (f) Working Group Organization and Work Plans; (g) Near Term Certification Improvement Goals; (h) Deliverables and Milestones; (4) Other Business; (5) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (6) Closing.

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, NW, Suite 1020, 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 28, 2000.

**Janice L. Peters,**

*Designated Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No: MARAD-2000-6998]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel *Ursa Major*.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Public Law 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S. build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-6998. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.