

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff person named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff person, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone: 301/415-7360) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

Howard J. Larson,

Acting Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of January 10, 2000.

An open meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at 10 a.m.

Commissioner Unger, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2000, will be:

The Commission will hear oral argument on an appeal by Michael J.

Markowski from an administrative law judge's initial decision barring him from association with any broker or dealer. For further information, contact David J. Tess at (202) 942-0833.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: January 7, 2000.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3069]

Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea, Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers; Meeting Notice

The Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 21, 2000, in Room 6103, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the Fifth Session of the DSC Subcommittee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for February 7-11, 2000, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

The agenda items of particular interest are:

a. Amendment 30 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, its Annexes and Supplements including harmonization of the IMDG Code with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, reformatting of the IMDG Code, and implementation of Annex III of the Marine Pollution Convention (MARPOL 73/78), as amended.

b. Revision of the Emergency Schedules (EmS).

c. Review of the Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code), including evaluation of properties of solid bulk cargoes.

d. Matters Related to the Cargo Securing Manual.

e. Casualty and incident reports and analysis.

f. Implementation of IMO instruments and training requirements for cargo-related matters.

g. Ventilation requirements for packaged dangerous goods.

h. Carriage of Calcium Hypochlorite.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. E.P. Pfersich, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-3), 1 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-1577.

Dated: December 27, 1999.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak Reform Council; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of a Special Business Meeting and Press Conference regarding the Annual Report.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of business meeting of the Council, following the business meeting there will be a press conference. At its business meeting the Council will release the Annual Report due to Congress in January 2000 and discuss the work program as well as its schedule of meetings and events for the year 2000. The meeting will also consider matters raised by individual Council members.

DATES: The business meeting and press conference is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2000. The business meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the press conference will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Both events are opened to the public.

ADDRESSES: The business meeting and press conference will be held in the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001, located in the Lexington/Bunker Hill room, telephone (202) 737-1234. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after two years, the ARC has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the ARAA and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consists of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and Congressional leaders. Each member is to serve a five-year term.

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Thomas A. Till,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular 25-XX, Transport Airplane Propulsion Engine and Auxiliary Power Unit Installation Certification Handbook—The Propulsion Mega AC

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice of availability of proposed advisory circular.

SUMMARY: This action withdraws a previously-issued notice of availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25-XX, "Transport Airplane Propulsion Engine and Auxiliary Power Unit Installation Certification Handbook—The Propulsion Mega AC." The FAA previously announced the availability of and requested public comments on that proposed AC. The intent of the AC was to provide one consolidated source of guidance on methods acceptable to the Administrator for showing compliance with the type certification requirements for propulsion systems and auxiliary power unit (APU) installations as they apply to transport category airplanes. The FAA is withdrawing the proposal at

this time to allow the majority of the affected public time to concentrate their resources towards concluding the harmonization of international aviation standards, which the FAA considers a higher priority. The FAA intends to re-issue the notice at a later time.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Steve Happenny, Propulsion/Mechanical Systems Branch, ANM-112, Transport Airplane Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill DeMarco, Program Management Branch, ANM-114, Transport Airplane Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1313; fax (425) 227-1320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion of Original Proposal

On September 23, 1999, the FAA issued a notice of availability and request for comments on proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25-XX, "Transport Airplane Propulsion Engine and Auxiliary Power Unit Installation Certification Handbook—*The Propulsion Mega AC*." The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1999 (64 FR 52819). The FAA initiated the proposed AC in response to requests by the affected aviation industry that the FAA provide one comprehensive source of FAA policy and guidance on various methods acceptable to the FAA Administrator for showing compliance with the type certification requirements for propulsion systems and auxiliary power unit (APU) installations on transport category airplanes. The public was provided until December 29, 1999, to submit comments on the proposed document.

Requests from the Affected Public

Since issuance of the notice, the FAA has received numerous requests from representatives of the affected industry and non-U.S. civil aviation authorities, asking that the FAA withhold further action on the proposed Propulsion Mega AC.

These representatives have stated that many in industry who will be most affected by the AC are members of Working Groups under the aegis of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). Currently, these ARAC Working Groups will be focusing their resources on expediting the final harmonization of 14 CFR part 25 rules and the European Joint Aviation Requirements (JAR)-25. The FAA has

encouraged ARAC to give this final harmonization effort its highest priority, thus increasing the workload of the same parties that normally would be reviewing the proposed Propulsion Mega AC. This will leave little time or resources for those parties to provide an adequate, thorough review of the proposed AC before the comment deadline.

Additionally, these representatives indicate that new recommendations to the FAA may come out of ARAC as a result of the activities of these Working Groups, and those recommendations (and subsequent rulemaking) may affect the form and content of part of the proposed AC.

Withdrawal of the Notice

The FAA has reviewed and considered these requests from the affected public, and has determined that a temporary withdrawal of the notice of proposed advisory circular and suspension of the public comment period is appropriate at this time. The FAA has placed high priority on completing the regulatory harmonization effort in a timely manner, and expects the affected industry's resources (via ARAC) to be directed primarily towards that goal. Once the harmonization effort has concluded, however, the FAA plans to re-issue the notice and re-open the period for public comment.

When formally re-issued, the draft AC likely will not be substantially changed from its current form. In fact, approximately 99% of the draft AC is comprised of the text of current regulations, historical background, advisory circular material, and long-standing accepted FAA policy. (The remaining 1% is new policy and advisory material not previously released formally to the public.) All of that currently-existing material can be found in other documents that have been:

- Available to the public for some time, and
- Used by applicants in demonstrating compliance with the pertinent regulations, and
- Used by the FAA in finding compliance with regulations.

Those documents remain valid in their current form.

Note: The FAA will continue to provide resources to further modify the draft AC and subsequent draft versions will be available on the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/airhome.htm>, at the link titled "Draft AC's" under the "Available Documents" drop-down menu. The public can continue to refer to this draft document as a consolidated source reference for currently-existing material.