

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 431

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Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Public Meetings for the Variable Refrigerant Flow Multi-Split Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Working Group To Negotiate a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Test Procedures and Energy Conservation Standards

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and webinar.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) announces a public meeting for the variable refrigerant flow multi-split air conditioners and heat pumps (VRF multi-split systems) working group. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that agencies publish notice of an advisory committee meeting in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: DOE will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Washington, DC. The meeting will also be broadcast as a webinar.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. On the first day, the meeting will be held in Room 8E–089, and on the second day, the meeting will be held in Room 1E–245. Please see the Public Participation section of this notice for additional information on attending the public meeting, including webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Cymbalsky, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Building Technologies (EE–5B), 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 287–1692. Email: ASRAC@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 10, 2018, the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC) met and passed the recommendation to form a VRF multi-split systems working group to meet and discuss and, if possible, reach a consensus on proposed Federal test procedures and standards for VRF multi-split systems. On April 11, 2018,

DOE published a notice of intent to establish a working group for VRF multi-split systems to negotiate a notice of proposed rulemaking for test procedures and energy conservation standards. The notice also solicited nominations for membership to the working group. 83 FR 15514. This notice announces the next round of meetings for this working group.

DOE will host a public meeting and webinar on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Energy, Room 8E–089, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585.
- Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Energy Room, Room 1E–245, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585.

The purpose of the meeting will be to negotiate in an attempt to reach consensus on proposed Federal test procedures and energy conservation standards for VRF multi-split systems.

Public Participation

Attendance at Public Meeting

The times, dates, and locations of the public meeting are listed in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this document. If you plan to attend the public meeting, please notify the ASRAC staff at asrac@ee.doe.gov.

Please note that foreign nationals participating in the public meeting are subject to advance security screening procedures which require advance notice prior to attendance at the public meeting. If a foreign national wishes to participate in the public meeting or webinar, please inform DOE as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Regina Washington at (202) 586–1214 or by email: Regina.Washington@ee.doe.gov so that the necessary procedures can be completed.

DOE requires visitors to have laptops and other devices, such as tablets, checked upon entry into the building. Any person wishing to bring these devices into the Forrestal Building will be required to obtain a property pass. Visitors should avoid bringing these devices, or allow an extra 45 minutes to check in. Please report to the visitor's desk to have devices checked before proceeding through security.

Due to the REAL ID Act implemented by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), there have been recent changes regarding ID requirements for individuals wishing to enter Federal buildings from specific States and U.S. territories. DHS maintains an updated website identifying the State and

territory driver's licenses that currently are acceptable for entry into DOE facilities at <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief>. A driver's license from a State or territory identified as not compliant by DHS will not be accepted for building entry and one of the alternate forms of ID listed below will be required. Acceptable alternate forms of Photo-ID include U.S. Passport or Passport Card; an Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced ID-Card issued by States and territories as identified on the DHS website (Enhanced licenses issued by these States and territories are clearly marked Enhanced or Enhanced Driver's License); a military ID or other Federal government-issued Photo-ID card.

In addition, you can attend the public meeting via webinar. Webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants will be published on DOE's website: <https://energy.gov/eere/buildings/appliance-standards-and-rulemaking-federal-advisory-committee>. Participants are responsible for ensuring their systems are compatible with the webinar software.

Procedure for Submitting Prepared General Statements for Distribution

Any person who has plans to present a prepared general statement may request that copies of his or her statement be made available at the public meeting. Such persons may submit requests, along with an advance electronic copy of their statement in PDF (preferred), Microsoft Word or Excel, WordPerfect, or text (ASCII) file format, to the appropriate address shown in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. The request and advance copy of statements must be received at least one week before the public meeting and may be emailed, hand-delivered, or sent by postal mail. DOE prefers to receive requests and advance copies via email. Please include a telephone number to enable DOE staff to make a follow-up contact, if needed.

Conduct of Public Meeting

ASRAC's Designated Federal Officer will preside at the public meeting and may also use a professional facilitator to aid discussion. The meeting will not be a judicial or evidentiary-type public hearing, but DOE will conduct it in accordance with section 336 of EPCA (42 U.S.C. 6306). A court reporter will be present to record the proceedings and prepare a transcript. A transcript of the public meeting will be included on DOE's website: <https://energy.gov/eere/buildings/appliance-standards-and->

rulemaking-federal-advisory-committee. In addition, any person may buy a copy of the transcript from the transcribing reporter. Public comment and statements will be allowed prior to the close of the meeting.

Docket

The docket is available for review at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2018-BT-STD-0003>, including **Federal Register** notices, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials. All documents in the docket are listed in the <https://www.regulations.gov> index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publically available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 26, 2019.

Valri Lightner,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 21

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0197]

Airworthiness Criteria: Glider Design Criteria for Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co. Segelflugzeugbau Model ASK 21 B Glider

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed design criteria.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on the proposed design criteria for the Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co. Segelflugzeugbau Model ASK 21 B glider. The administrator finds the proposed design criteria for the Model ASK 21 B acceptable. These final design criteria will be published in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 2, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2019-0197 using any of the following methods:

□ *Federal eRegulations Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

□ *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30, U.S. Department of

Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC, 20590-0001.

□ *Hand Delivery of Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m., and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

□ *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

Privacy: The FAA will post all comments it receives, without change, to <http://regulations.gov>, including any personal information the commenter provides. Using the search function of the docket website, anyone can find and read the electronic form of all comments received into any FAA docket, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-19478), as well as at <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m., and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Rutherford, AIR-692, Federal Aviation Administration, Policy & Innovation Division, Small Airplane Standards Branch, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, MO 64106, telephone (816) 329-4165, FAX (816) 329-4090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite interested people to take part in this rulemaking by sending written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the design criteria, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will consider all comments received on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change these airworthiness design criteria based on received comments.

Background

On August 16, 2018, Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co. Segelflugzeugbau (Alexander Schleicher) applied for validation of a type certificate change to add the Model ASK 21 B glider in accordance with the "Technical Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness and Environmental Certification Between the FAA and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)," Revision 6, dated September 22, 2017. This model is a modified version of the Model ASK 21 glider and will be documented on existing Type Certificate Number (No.) G47EU. The Model ASK 21 B is a two-seat, mid-wing glider constructed from glass-fiber reinforced plastic and features a 55.8 foot (17 meters) wingspan with airbrakes on the upper wing surface. The glider has a non-retractable landing gear with a nose wheel and shock-absorbed, braked main wheel and a T-type tailplane. The glider has a maximum weight of 1,323 pounds (600 kilograms).

EASA type certificated the Model ASK 21 B glider in the utility and aerobatic categories and issued Type Certificate No. EASA.A.221, dated August 9, 2018. The associated EASA Type Certificate Data Sheet (TCDS) No. EASA.A.221 defined the certification basis, which Alexander Schleicher submitted to the FAA for review and acceptance.

Glider aircraft are type certificated by the FAA as special class aircraft for which airworthiness standards have not yet been established by regulation. Under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.17(b), the airworthiness standards for special class aircraft are those found by the FAA to be appropriate and applicable to the specific type design. FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 21.17-2A¹ provides guidance on acceptable design criteria for the type certification of gliders and powered gliders in the United States. AC 21.17-2A allows applicants to utilize the Joint Aviation Requirements (JAR)-22², other airworthiness criteria comparable to 14 CFR part 23, or a combination of both as the means for showing compliance for glider certification.

Type Certification Basis

The certification basis for the Model ASK 21 B will be the same as the certification basis for the Model ASK 21 as shown on TCDS No. G47EU, Revision

¹ Ref AC 21.17-2A, "Type Certification—Fixed-Wing Gliders (Sailplanes), Including Powered Gliders," dated February 10, 1993.

² Ref JAR-22, "Sailplanes and Powered Sailplanes."