

possibly, including envelopes supplementing those currently in Appendix C. These issues will be considered on the next revision of the AC. In addition, the FAA and the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) are harmonizing the performance and handling qualities of part 25. The Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) Flight Test Harmonization Working Group will complete the harmonization project to standardize performance, handling requirements, and additional guidance material for certification of part 25/Joint Aviation Requirements 25 (JAR 25) airplanes to safely operate in the icing conditions of Appendix C. These performance and handling qualities will be considered in the next revision to this AC, and to the second revision to AC 23-8A, Flight Test Guide for Certification of Part 23 Airplanes.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, December 16, 1997.

Michael Gallagher,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-64]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received, Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before January 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMNTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Thorson (202) 267-7470 or Angela Anderson (202) 267-9681 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 24, 1997.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29066.

Petitioner: Mr. James T. Hawkins.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 45.21(c)(2) and 45.29 (c), (d), and (e).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner to display aircraft registration markings on his Piper Archer aircraft (Registration No. N3578M) that are ornamental in nature and do not meet the width, thickness, and spacing requirements of part 45.

Disposition of Petitions

Docket No.: 29038.

Petitioner: GE VARIG.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.47(b).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit GE Varig to substitute the calibration standards of the Instituto Nacional de Metrologia, Normalização e Qualidade Industrial, Brazil's national standards organization, for the calibration standards of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly the National Bureau of Standards, to test its inspection and test equipment.

Grant, December 18, 1997, Exemption No. 6709.

Docket No.: 28846.

Petitioner: Gulfstream International Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.2(d)(1)(i)(D), 121.337(b)(8), and 121.359(g).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Gulfstream to operate 25 Beechcraft 190C airplanes without those airplanes being equipped with approved smoke and fume protective breathing equipment for flight crewmembers from December 20, 1997, until March 20, 1998, a period of 90 days.

Grant, December 19, 1997, Exemption No. 6596D.

Docket No.: 29086.

Petitioner: Air Midwest, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.2 and 121.337(b)(8).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Air Midwest to operate 15 Beechcraft 1900D airplanes in part 121 passenger-carrying operations after the December 20, 1997, compliance deadline without those airplanes being equipped with the required smoke and fume protective breathing equipment for the flight crewmembers, until January 1, 1998.

Grant, December 19, 1997, Exemption No. 6596F.

Docket No.: 29082.

Petitioner: Mesa Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.2 and 121.337(b)(8).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Mesa to operate 41 Beechcraft 1900D airplanes in part 121 passenger-carrying operations after the December 20, 1997, compliance deadline without those airplanes being equipped with the required smoke and fume protective breathing equipment for the flight crewmembers, until January 31, 1998.

Grant, December 19, 1997, Exemption No. 6596E.

Docket No.: 28319.

Petitioner: Dornier Aviation (North America), Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.411(a) (2), and (3), and (b)(2); 121.413 (b) and (c); appendix H to part 121; 135.337(a) (2) and (3), and (b)(2); and 135.339 (b) and (c).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit certain instructors employed by DANA and listed in a certificate holder's approved training program to act as instructors for a certificate holder under part 121 or part 135 without those instructors having received ground and flight training in accordance with a training program approved under subpart N of part 121 or subpart H of part 135, as applicable. That exemption also permits simulator instructors employed by DANA and listed in a certificate

holder's approved training program to serve in advance simulators without being employed by the certificate holder for 1 year, provided the instructors receive applicable training in accordance with the provisions of the exemption.

Grant, December 19, 1997, Exemption No. 6409A.

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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 January 22, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angela O. Anderson, (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-200), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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 (ARAC) to discuss aircraft certification procedures issues. This meeting will be held January 22, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association. The agenda for this meeting will include progress reports from the Production Certification and Parts Manufacturing Working Group, the Delegation Working Group and the ICPTF Working Group.

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present statements to the committee at any time. 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 December 22, 1997.

Brian Yanez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting

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 general aviation operations issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 22, 1998, at 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Helicopter Association International, 1635 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Noreen Hannigan, Regulations Analyst, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-106), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone: (202) 267-7476; 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 discuss general aviation operations issues.

This meeting will be held on January 22, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. at the Helicopter Association International, 1635 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

The Agenda for this meeting will include:

- (1) A status report on the Part 103 (Ultralight Vehicles) Working Group's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on "Sport Pilot Certification Requirements;"
- (2) An update on the status of the "Flight Plan Requirements for Helicopter Operations Under Instrument Flight Rules" NPRM;

(3) Discussion of overflights of national parks;

(4) Other general aviation topics (open discussion).

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present written statements to the committee at any time. 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 December 23, 1997.

Louis C. Cusimano,

Assistant Executive Director for General Aviation Operations, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 172; Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz)

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 Special Committee 172 meeting to be held January 13-16, 1998, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

The agenda will be as follows:

Tuesday, January 13: (1) Plenary Convenes at 9:00 a.m. for 30 minutes; (2) Introductory Remarks; (3) Review and Approval of the Agenda; (4) Working Group (WG)-2, VHF Data Radio Signal-in-Space MASPS, Continue Work on VDL Modes 2 and 3.

Wednesday, January 14: (a.m.) (5) WG-2 Continues; (p.m.) (6) WG-3, Review of Activities in VHF Digital Radio MOPS Document Program.

Thursday, January 15: (a.m.) (7) Plenary Reconvenes at 9:00 a.m. (p.m.) (8) WG's Continue as Necessary; (9) Review and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting; (10) Reports from WG's 2 and 3 Activities; (11) Report on VDL Activities and AMCP WG-D; (12) EUROCAE WG-47 Report and Discussion of Schedule for Further Joint Meetings with WG-3; (13) Review