

GRANT, March 10, 1998, Exemption No. 6487A.

Docket No.: 27258.

Petitioner: Air Methods Corporation.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit AMC to operate the aircraft listed in Attachment A under the provisions of part 135 without a TSO-C112 transponder installed.

GRANT, March 10, 1998, Exemption No. 5720B.

Docket No.: 28419.

Petitioner: United Parcel Service.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.433(c)(1)(iii), 121.440(a), 121.441(a)(1), and (b)(1), and appendix F.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit UPS to combine recurrent flight and ground training and proficiency checks for UPS's pilots in command, seconds in command, and flight engineers in a single annual training and proficiency evaluation program (i.e., a single-visit training program).

GRANT, March 10, 1998, Exemption No. 6434A.

Docket No.: 25060.

Petitioner: Douglas Aircraft Company.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 21.197.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit DAC to conduct training of DAC's pilot flight crewmembers while operating under special flight permits issued for the purpose of production flight testing.

GRANT, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 4936C.

Docket No.: 28861.

Petitioner: Vertical Flite.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.119(b).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Vertical Flite to operate Air and Space 18A gyroplanes (AS-18A) in visual meteorological conditions below the minimum altitudes specified in § 91.119(b) and (c) while conducting aerial photography or contracted "police and highway" flights.

DENIAL, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 6738.

Docket No.: 27170.

Petitioner: Minuteman Aviation, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit MAI to operate its helicopters without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed.

GRANT, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 6737.

Docket No.: 25242.

Petitioner: Experimental Aircraft Association.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 61.58(c) and 91.5.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit EAA members to complete an approved training course in lieu of a pilot proficiency check. The exemption applies to training courses for the following aircraft: Boeing B-17; North American B-25; Douglas B-26, C-47, and C-54; Consolidated PBV; Martin PBM; Grumman S-2-F; Curtiss C-46; and Ford Tri-Motor.

GRANT, March 5, 1998, Exemption No. 4941E.

Docket No.: 26696.

Petitioner: Ryan International Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.503(b) and 121.511(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit pilots and flight engineers employed by Ryan to complete certain scheduled coast-to-coast, all-cargo, transcontinental flights with no more than one intermediate stop and a maximum of 11 hours of flight time during any 24 consecutive hours before being provided with at least 16 hours of rest.

GRANT, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 5461C.

Docket No.: 28172.

Petitioner: Helicopter Services, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit HSI to operate without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in its aircraft operating under the provisions of part 135.

GRANT, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 6109A.

Docket No.: 28479.

Petitioner: Strong Enterprises.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 105.43(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit employees, representatives, and other volunteer experimental parachute test jumpers under Strong's control to make tandem parachute jumps while wearing a dual-harness, dual-parachute pack that has at least one main parachute and one approved auxiliary parachute. The exemption also permits pilots in command of aircraft involved in these operations to allow such persons to make these parachute jumps.

GRANT, March 11, 1998, Exemption No. 6474B.

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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 (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee 172 meeting to be held April 14-17, 1998, starting at 9:00 a.m. The first two days of the meeting will be held at the Army and Navy Club (coat and tie required), 901 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, phone (202) 628-8400; the last two days will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: Tuesday, April 14: (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, Complete Work on VDL Mode 2 and Continue Work on VDL Mode 3. Wednesday, April 15: (a.m.) (5) WG-2 Continues; (p.m.) (6) WG-3, Review of Activities in VHF Digital Radio MOPS Document Program and Further Work. Thursday, April 16 (at RTCA): (a.m.) (7) Plenary Reconvenes at 9:00 a.m.; (8) Review Summary Minutes of Previous Plenary of SC-172; (9) Reports from WG's 2 & 3 Activities; (10) Report on VDL Activities and Preparation for AMCP; (11) EUROCAE WG-47 Report and Discussion of Schedule for Further Joint Meetings with WG-3; (12) Review Issues List and Address Future Work; (13) Other Business; (14) Dates and Places of Next Meetings; (p.m.) (15) WG's Continue as Necessary. Friday, April 17: (16) WG's Continue as Necessary.

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 March 25, 1998.

Jane P. Caldwell,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-97-3658]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1992-1996 Ducati 600SS Motorcycles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1992-1996 Ducati 600SS motorcycles are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This document announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1992-1996 Ducati 600SS motorcycles that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because (1) they are substantially similar to vehicles that were originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and that were certified by their manufacturer as complying with the safety standards, and (2) they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is April 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. [Docket hours are from 10 am to 5 pm].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation

into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

Champagne Imports, Inc. of Lansdale, Pennsylvania ("Champagne") (Registered Importer 90-009) has petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1992-1996 Ducati 600SS motorcycles are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which Champagne believes are substantially similar are 1992-1996 Ducati 750SS motorcycles that were manufactured for importation into, and sale in, the United States and certified by their manufacturer as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared 1992-1996 Ducati 600SS motorcycles to 1992-1996 Ducati 750SS motorcycles, and found the vehicles to be substantially similar with respect to compliance with most Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Champagne submitted information with its petition intended to demonstrate that non-U.S. certified 1992-1996 Ducati 600SS motorcycles, as originally manufactured, conform to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as 1992-1996 Ducati 750SS motorcycles, or are capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that 1992-1996 Ducati 600SS motorcycles are identical to 1992-1996 Ducati 750SS motorcycles with respect to compliance with Standard Nos. 106 *Brake Hoses*, 111 *Rearview Mirrors*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 119 *New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*, and 122 *Motorcycle Brake Systems*.

Petitioner also contends that the vehicles are capable of being readily altered to meet the following standards, in the manner indicated:

Standard No. 108 *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*: installation of U.S.-model headlamp assemblies.

Standard No. 120 *Tire Selection and Rims for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*: installation of a tire information placard.

Standard No. 123 *Motorcycle Controls and Displays*: installation of a U.S. model speedometer calibrated in miles per hour.

The petitioner also states that vehicle identification number plates meeting the requirements of 49 CFR Part 565 will be affixed to 1992-1996 Ducati 600SS motorcycles.

Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: March 25, 1998.

Marilynne Jacobs,

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-3660]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1995 Bentley Turbo R Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1995 Bentley Turbo R passenger cars are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that a 1995 Bentley Turbo R that was not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal