

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss aircraft certification procedures issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 24, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW., Suite 801, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry Stubblefield, Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-208), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone (202) 267-7624; 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 and finalize issues applicable to aircraft type certification procedures for changed products. This meeting will be held on August 24, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC.

The agenda for this meeting will include dispositioning ballot vote responses from ARAC and International Certification Procedures Harmonization Working Group members on the proposed final product for type certification procedures for changed products. It will also address preparation of the final work product for transmittal to the FAA before the September 1, 1998 due date. Members of the public may obtain copies of these materials by contacting the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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 **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 31, 1998.

Randall Petersen,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[RTCA Special Committee 165]

Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Services

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 (SC)-165 meeting to be held August 21, 1998, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductions; (2) Review Summary of the Previous Meeting; (3) Chairman's Remarks; (4) Developments Relevant to SC-165: a. AMCP Working Group (WG)-A on AMSS; b. AMS(R)S Spectrum Issues; c. EUROCAE WG-55; d. Industry, Users, Government Comments; (5) Review of Working Group Activities: a. WG-1, AMSS Avionics Equipment Minimum Operational Performance Standards; b. WG-3, System/Service Performance Criteria; c. WJG-5, AMS(R)S Satcom Voice; (6) Review/Approve Change 1, DO-215A; (7) Other Business; (8) Time and Place of Next Meeting; (9) Adjourn.

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.

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Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport, Hattiesburg, MS

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue a PFC at Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: FAA/Airports District Office, 120 North Hangar Drive, Suite B, Jackson, Mississippi 39208-2306.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. David G. Senne, Executive Director of the Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Authority at the following address: 1002 Terminal Drive, Moselle, MS 39503.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Authority under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rans D. Black, Program Manager, FAA Airports District Office, 120 North Hangar Drive, Suite B, Jackson, Mississippi 39208-2306, telephone number 601-965-4628. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On July 30, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport

Authority was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than November 26, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application Number: 98-02-C-00-PIB.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: December 1, 1998.

Proposed charge expiration date: June 1, 2001.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$89,593.

Brief description of proposed project(s):

1. Acquire portable telescoping walkway to be used by enplaning and deplaning passengers.
2. Acquire portable passenger lift device for the safety and convenience of disabled passengers.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Authority.

Issued in Jackson, Mississippi, on July 30, 1998.

Rans Black,

Acting Manager, Airports District Office, Southern Region, Jackson, Mississippi.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-4165]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1991-1998 Ford Explorer Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1991-1998 Ford Explorer multi-purpose passenger vehicles (MPVs) are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1991-1998 Ford

Explorers manufactured for sale in Venezuela 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 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 September 8, 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 1991-1998 Ford Explorers that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle

safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States. The vehicles which Champagne believes are substantially similar are 1991-1998 Ford Explorers that were manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturer, Ford Motor Company, as conforming to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The petitioner claims that it carefully compared the non-U.S. certified 1991-1998 Ford Explorers to their U.S. certified counterparts, 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 the non-U.S. certified 1991-1998 Ford Explorers, as originally manufactured, conform to many Federal motor vehicle safety standards in the same manner as their U.S. certified counterparts, or are capable of being readily altered to conform to those standards.

Specifically, the petitioner claims that the non-U.S. certified 1991-1998 Ford Explorers are identical to their U.S. certified counterparts with respect to compliance with Standards Nos. 102 *Transmission Shift Lever Sequence* * * *, 103 *Defrosting and Defogging Systems*, 104 *Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems*, 105 *Hydraulic Brake Systems*, 106 *Brake Hoses*, 113 *Hood Latch Systems*, 116 *Brake Fluid*, 119 *New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*, 124 *Accelerator Control Systems*, 201 *Occupant Protection in Interior Impact*, 202 *Head Restraints*, 203 *Impact Protection for the Driver from the Steering Control System* (with respect to 1991 through 1995 model year vehicles; remaining model years are exempt), 204 *Steering Control Rearward Displacement*, 205 *Glazing Materials*, 206 *Door Locks and Door Retention Components*, 207 *Seating Systems*, 209 *Seat Belt Assemblies*, 210 *Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages*, 212 *Windshield Retention*, 216 *Roof Crush Resistance*, 219 *Windshield Zone Intrusion*, and 302 *Flammability of Interior Materials*.

Additionally, the petitioner states that the non-U.S. certified 1991-1998 Ford Explorers comply with the Bumper Standard found in 49 CFR part 581 and with the Theft Prevention Standard found in 49 CFR part 541.

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

Standard No. 101 *Controls and Displays*: (a) Substitution of a lens marked "Brake" for a lens with a