

Discussion

If certification for flight in icing conditions is desired, an applicant must demonstrate that the airplane can safely operate through the icing envelope of 14 CFR part 25, Appendix C. Sections 25.1419 sets forth the specific airframe requirements for demonstrating compliance with the icing conditions defined in Appendix C. To provide guidance to applicants seeking approval of the installation and operation of ice protections systems in the icing environment, the FAA has developed guidance material in the form of a draft advisory circular (AC 25.1419-1X). While the primary focus of this draft AC pertains to the certification of airframe ice protection systems on transport category, it also supplements similar guidance provided in other AC's concerning icing requirements for other parts of the airplane (i.e., engine, engine inlet, propeller). Examples of the type of guidance provided in this AC include:

1. Development of a certification plan.
2. Analyses (e.g., flutter, similarity, failure, etc.) to substantiate decisions involving the application of selected ice protection equipment, including areas and components to be protected.
3. Dry air ground tests.
4. Flight test planning.
5. Compliance tests, including dry air flight tests with ice protection equipment installed and with predicted artificial ice shapes installed, as well as flight tests in both natural icing and simulated icing conditions.
6. Placards necessary for safe operation of the airplane in an icing environment.
7. Airplane Flight Manual pilot information needed to operate the ice protection system.

The guidance provided in this AC is applicable to new Type Certificates (TC's) Supplemental Type Certificates (STC's), and amendments to existing TC's for airplanes certified under part 4b of the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) and part 25, for which approval under the provisions of § 25.1419 is desired.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[FAA Docket No. 29303]

Federal Aviation Administration; Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges, Request for Comments

AGENCY: United States Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

ACTION: Notice extending comment period.

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, August 12, 1998, the Department of Transportation opened a public docket to receive information and comments from interested parties on the replacement provisions of the Department of Transportation's Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges (Policy Statement) issued June 21, 1996, and vacated in part by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The notice provided for comments to be submitted by October 13, 1998. Reply comments were to be submitted on or before October 26, 1998. By this notice, the Department is extending the time period for public comment from October 13, 1998, until December 30, 1998. The due date for reply comments is extended to February 1, 1999.

DATES: Comments should be received by December 30, 1998. Reply comments will be accepted and must be submitted on or before February 1, 1999. Comments that are received after that date will be considered only to the extent possible.

ADDRESSES: Comment on this notice must be delivered or mailed, in quadruplicate, to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket (AGC-10), Docket No. 29303, 800 Independence Ave, SW, Room 915G, Washington, DC 20591. All comments must be marked "Docket No. 29303." Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments must include a preaddressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 29303. The postcard will be date stamped and mailed to the commenter. Comments on this Notice may be delivered or examined in room 915G on weekdays, except on Federal holidays between 8:30 am and 5:00 p.m."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Barry Molar, Manager (AAS-400), (202) 267-3187; or Mr. Wayne Heibeck, Compliance Specialist (AAS-400), (202)

267-8726, Airport Compliance Division, Office of Airport Safety and Standards, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department recently published an advance notice of proposed policy on airport rates and charges requesting public comments (63 FR 43228, August 12, 1998). In that request, we asked parties to provide us with suggestions for replacement provisions for the portions of the Department of Transportation's Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges (Policy Statement) issued June 21, 1996, that were vacated by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Based on a September 4, petition of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA), as well as a September 10 petition jointly filed by the Airports Council International—North America (ACI-NA) and the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), we are now convinced that the public interest would be served by extending the comment period.

The ATA petitioned pursuant to the Department's Rulemaking Procedures (49 CFR 5.25(a)) to extend the comment period by at least 120 days, to December 14, 1998, on the grounds that it needs time to prepare and conduct an extensive survey of its member airlines, organize and analyze the data collected, and draft comments for approval by its members in response to the complex issues we raised in this and DOT's separate Request for Public Comment on Competitive Issues Affecting the Domestic Airline Industry, Docket No. OST 98-4025. By a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 45894) on August 27, 1998, the Department extended the comment period in that proceeding until December 30, 1998. The ATA stated that, since its member airlines serve, either directly or through code-share relationship, about 95 percent of the more than 400 domestic commercial service airports, it has a substantive interest in this proceeding.

In a September 10 filing, ACI-NA and AAAE said that our October 13 deadline would not allow it adequate time to compile, verify and analyze pertinent information from airport operators and then prepare well-reasoned responses to the complex legal, economic, and policy questions identified in this and DOT's separate Request for Public Comment on Competitive Issues Affecting the Domestic Airline Industry, Docket No. OST 98-4025. ACI-NA stated that, since its members are airport sponsors serve

more than 97 percent of the domestic United States' passenger and cargo traffic, and AAAE members manage airports which enplane 99 percent of the passengers in the United States, these organizations have a substantive interest in this proceeding. ACI-NA requested that the comment period be extended until December 30, 1998, to coincide with the comment period in Docket No. OST-98-4025. By letter dated September 14, 1998, legal counsel for ATA advised that ATA did not object to the ACI-NA's and AAAE's request.

Under our rules (49 CFR 5.25(b)), we may grant a petition for extension of time when a petitioner shows that it is in the public interest and the petitioner has good cause for the extension and a substantive interest in the proposed action. We have determined that it would be reasonable and in the public interest to give parties more time to prepare their submissions. While we are interested in developing a Final Policy on Airport Rates and Charges as soon as possible, we also are interested in a decision that is based on comprehensive information and thoroughly considered public comments. Extending the comment period will assure that the common issues in the proceeding in Docket No. OST 98-4025 and this proceeding are fully addressed in the comments.

Accordingly

1. We grant the requests of the Air Transport Association, Airport Council International-North America, and the American Association of Airport Executives to extend the date by which comments are due to Docket No. 29303;

2. We hereby extend the date by which comments to Docket No. 29303 are due to December 30, 1998;

3. We will accept reply comments submitted on or before February 1, 1999; and

4. We deny all other requests.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 29, 1998.

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General Counsel, Department of Transportation.

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Associate Administrator for Airports, Federal Aviation Administration.

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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 aircraft certification procedures issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 22, 1998, at 9:00 a.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: Marisa Mullen, Transportation Industry Analyst, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-205), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone: (202) 267-7653; 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 aircraft certification procedures issues. This meeting will be held on October 22, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW., Suite 801, Washington, DC.

The agenda for this meeting will include:

(1) A status report on the submission of the "Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products" Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and ARAC's recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration;

(2) A status report on the Parts and Production Certification tasking;

(3) A status report on harmonizing the 8130-3 Airworthiness Approval Tag tasking; and

(4) Discussion and vote on the "Establishment of Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Procedures" draft NPRM and draft advisory circular entitled "Airworthiness Designee Function Codes and Consolidated Directory for DMIR/DAR/ODAR/DAS/DOA/SFAR No. 36 and the New ODA."

Copies of materials which will be presented for discussion and vote may be obtained by contacting Marisa Mullen at the address, telephone number, or facsimile number provided

in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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 September 29, 1998.

Brian Yanez,

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

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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 Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Minneapolis, MN

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 from a PFC at Minneapolis-St. Paul International 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 November 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Minneapolis Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Robert Vorpahl, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission, at the following address: Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports