

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #2937]

U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC); Charter Renewal

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC). This advisory committee will continue to obtain the views and advice of American experts and interested parties with respect to a broad range of technical, operational and administrative questions in the telecommunications and information sector. ITAC's focus is on U.S. participation in the work of international treaty organizations, primarily the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the OAS Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL).

The committee's principal work, which is to develop, coordinate and recommend contributions to and positions for international meetings and conferences, has been a major factor in ensuring effective U.S. preparations for the relevant international activities. The Under Secretary for Management has determined that the committee is necessary and in the public interest.

Membership in the ITAC is unlimited and may include representatives of all parties interested in the telecommunications and information fields or in the work of ITAC, including U.S. Government agencies, recognized operating agencies, service providers, manufacturers, users, associations, academia, and the public in general. The committee will follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1) and (4), that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each meeting will be provided in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

For further information, please call: Richard Beard, ITAC Chairman and Director, Office of Multilateral Affairs, International Communications and Information Policy, (202) 647-5832; fax (202) 647-5957.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

Ambassador Vonya B. McCann,
U.S. Coordinator, Communications and Information Policy.

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United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC), Radiocommunication Sector (ITAC-R); Notice of Meetings

The Department of State announces that a meeting of the National Committee of the Radiocommunications Sector of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee will be held December 8, 1998, 9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. in Room 4517 of the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC. The purpose of the National Committee is to advise the Department's ITAC-R on policy, technical and operational matters with respect to international radiocommunication issues. Related meetings of the ITAC CITEL Permanent Consultative Committee II-Broadcasting PCC III-Radiocommunications will be held January 7, 1999. PCC II will convene at 9:30 and PCC III at 2:00 P.M.

The National Committee meeting will consider the preparatory process and guidelines for participation in ITU Radiocommunication meetings, review relevant results of the 1998 Plenipotentiary Conference, begin preparatory activities for the Radiocommunication Advisory Group meeting February 22-26, 1998, and review Study Group and Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) activities. The PCC II and PCC III preparatory meetings will review the results of the December COMCITEL meeting and consider U.S. preparations for international meetings in the Spring of 1999.

Members of the General Public may attend these meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. In this regard, entrance to the Department of State is controlled. Persons intending to attend the meetings should send a fax to (202) 647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the meeting. On this fax, please include the name of the meeting, your name, social security number, date of birth and organization. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license

with your picture on it, U.S. passport, or a U.S. Government identification (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the 'C' Street Main Lobby.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

John T. Gilseman,

Chairman, U.S. ITAC for Radiocommunication Sector.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Summary Notice No. PE-98-22]

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 December 15, 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-CMTS@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) 267-3132

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Eichelberger (202) 267-7470 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267-7624, 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, DC, on November 23, 1998.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29202.

Petitioner: Boeing Commercial Airplane Group.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 25.961(a)(5).

Description of Relief Sought/ Disposition: To allow Boeing Commercial Airplane Group an 85°F maximum fuel temperature limitation for JP-4 and Jet-B fuels on Boeing 757-300 series airplanes.

Docket No.: 29383.

Petitioner: Ilyushin Aviation Complex, Russia.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 25.52(b)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/ Disposition: To allow Ilyushin Aviation Complex to exempt from the floor warpage test requirements of 14 CFR 25.562(b)(2) for all seats on the Ilyushin IL-96T airplane.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 18324.

Petitioner: American Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 43.3(a) and 121.709(b)(3).

Description of Relief Sought/ Disposition: To permit American to allow its properly trained and certificated flight engineers to stow passenger supplemental oxygen masks during flight and to make the

appropriate entry in the aircraft maintenance logbook.

Grant, November 16, 1998, Exemption No. 2678K.

Docket No.: 27309.

Petitioner: Mr. David Abshire 14 CFR 65.71 (a) and (b).

Description of Relief Sought/ Disposition: To permit Mr. Abshire to become eligible for a mechanic certificate and associated rating although he cannot speak the English language.

Grant, November 16, 1998, Exemption No. 6840.

Docket No.: 26914.

Petitioner: Air Transport Association of America.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.583(a).

Description of Relief Sought/ Disposition: To permit Air Transport Association member airlines and other similarly situated part 121 certificate holders to allow FAA air traffic controllers and certain technical representatives to ride in the cockpit observer's seat of all-cargo aircraft when those aircraft do not meet the passenger-carrying requirements.

Grant, November 12, 1998, Exemption No. 5562C.

Docket No.: 28905.

Petitioner: Petroleum Helicopters, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.152(a).

Description of Relief Sought/ Disposition: To permit Petroleum Helicopters to operate three Bell 212 helicopters, two Bell 214ST helicopters, three Bell 412 helicopters and one Bell 412SP helicopter without FAA-approved digital flight data recorders installed.

Grant, November 9, 1998, Exemption No. 6713C.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

Key to "Reasons for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant
 2. Extensive public comment under review
 3. Application is technically very complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis
 4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of exemption applications
- Meaning of Application Number Suffixes
- N—New application
 - M—Modification request
 - PM—Party to application with modification request

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 20, 1998.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Reasons for delay	Estimated date of completion
11699-N	GEO Specialty Chemicals, Bastrop, LA	4	12/31/1998
11761-N	Vulcan Chemicals, Birmingham, AL	4	12/31/1998
11767-N	Ausimont USA, Inc., Thorofare, NJ	4	12/31/1998
11815-N	Union Pacific Railroad Co. et al, Omaha, NE	4	12/31/1998
11817-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	1, 4	12/31/1998
11862-N	The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ	4	12/31/1998
11883-N	Brownie Tank Mfg., Co., Minneapolis, MN	4	12/31/1998
11884-N	Degussa Corporation, Ridgefield Park, NJ	4	12/31/1998
11894-N	Quicksilver Fiberglass Manufacturing Ltd., Strome, Alberta, CN	4	12/31/1998