

a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

Eurocopter France: Docket No. 98-SW-26-AD.

Applicability: Model SA-360C, SA-365C, C1, C2, SA-365N, N1, AS-365N2, and SA-366G1 helicopters, with Crouzet single-pole circuit breaker, part number (P/N) 84-400-028 through P/N 84-400-037, installed, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each helicopter identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been otherwise modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For helicopters that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent loss of electrical power, loss of instrumentation, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 100 hours time-in-service (TIS) or within the next 3 calendar months, whichever occurs first,

(1) For Model SA-360C, and SA-365C, C1, and C2 helicopters, inspect the electrical master box assembly, flotation gear unit assembly, and ground receptacle Crouzet circuit breakers for electrical continuity in accordance with section 2B of the Accomplishment Instructions contained in Eurocopter France Service Bulletin (SB) No. 01.36, dated December 11, 1997.

(2) For Model SA-365N, N1, and AS-365N2 helicopters, inspect the electrical master box assembly, flotation gear unit assembly, and ground receptacle Crouzet single-pole circuit breakers for electrical continuity in accordance with section 2B of the Accomplishment Instructions contained in SB No. 01.00.45, dated December 11, 1997.

(3) For Model SA-366G1 helicopters, inspect the electrical master box assembly, flotation gear unit assembly, and ground receptacle Crouzet single-pole circuit breakers for electrical continuity in accordance with section 2B of the Accomplishment Instructions contained in SB 01.24, dated December 11, 1997.

(b) On or before 500 hours TIS or 6 calendar months, whichever occurs first, inspect all remaining Crouzet single-pole circuit breakers in accordance with section 2B of the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable SB.

(c) Any replacement single-pole circuit breaker installed, or any single-pole circuit breaker removed and reinstalled, must be inspected prior to further flight in accordance with paragraph 2.B. of the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable SB.

(d) Remove any affected part-numbered circuit breaker and replace with an airworthy circuit breaker on or before December 31, 1999.

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Rotorcraft Standards Staff.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Rotorcraft Standards Staff.

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the helicopter to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile AD 98-112-042(A), AD 98-113-043(A), and AD 98-111-021(A), all dated March 11, 1998.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 22, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

14 CFR Part 298

[Docket No. OST-98-4043]

RIN No. 2105-AC71

Meeting To Discuss Ways To Improve the Alaska Commuter and Small Certificated Air Carrier Data Collection Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) collects financial and traffic data from various types of air carriers. DOT announces a forthcoming meeting to discuss ways to improve this program as it relates to Alaska small certificated and commuter air carriers. The meeting is being held jointly with the U.S. Postal Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, July 22, 1999, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, July 23, 1999, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Alaska time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the US Postal Service Conference Room at the Anchorage Processing and Distribution Center, 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, AK 99502. Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. If you plan to attend the meeting please contact Kevin Adams by July 8, 1999. Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Mr. Adams at least seven days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Adams, EAS & Domestic Analysis Division, X-53, Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Secretary, US Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington D.C. 20590; by phone at (202) 366-1047; by e-mail at kevin.adams@ost.dot.gov; or by Fax at (202) 366-7638.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

49 U.S.C. 329(b)(1) requires the Department of Transportation to collect and disseminate information on civil aeronautics, other than that collected and disseminated by the National Transportation Safety Board. In meeting this responsibility, the Department collects traffic and financial data submitted under 14 CFR part 241 (Large Certificated Air Carriers) and 14 CFR part 298 (Commuter and Small Certificated Air Carriers). It also collects

certain other traffic and service quality data under 14 CFR parts 217, 234, 250, and 374a.

The Department in Docket No. OST-98-4043, Notice 98-18, "Aviation Data Requirements Review and Modernization Program" on its own initiative requested public comments from reporting carriers and aviation data users on the nature, scope, source, and means for collecting, processing, and distributing airline traffic, fare, and financial data. Specifically, the Department invited comments on whether existing airline traffic, fare, and financial data should be amended, supplemented, or replaced; whether selected forms and reports should be retained, modified, or eliminated; whether the Department should require all aviation data to be filed electronically; and how the aviation data system should be reengineered to enhance efficiency and to reduce costs for both the Department and the airline industry. It is the Department's preliminary position that its current aviation data systems may not provide sufficiently detailed data in some areas which are necessary to ensure that the Department fully meets its mandated aviation responsibilities. One of these responsibilities is the setting of the Alaska bush mail rates. The Department relies on data submitted by the Alaska small certificated and commuter air carriers on the Form 298-C reports to set the bush mail rates. While this meeting will be held as part of the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to review the Department's aviation data collection process, its focus will be on the data collection process for Form 298-C reports. A summary of the meeting will be included in the docket.

DOT, the Postal Service, Alaska air carriers, and other interested entities will review and discuss possible revisions to 14 CFR part 298 (the Department's Form 298-C reporting requirements). The meeting will assess how the Form 298-C data reporting system can be reengineered to enhance the usefulness of the data collected in facilitating the Alaska bush mail rate calculations while at the same time exploring alternatives for reducing costs for the Department, the Postal Service, and the airline industry. The meeting will be open to the public. We particularly solicit participation from those Alaska small certificated and commuter air carriers who currently transport or wish to transport mail for the U.S. Postal Service in Alaska.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 24, 1999.

Timothy E. Carmody,

*Director, Office of Airline Information,
Bureau of Transportation Statistics.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

19 CFR PART 111

RIN 1515-AC34

Customs Brokers

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document provides an additional 30 days for interested members of the public to submit comments on the proposed revision to part 111 of the Customs Regulations governing the licensing and conduct of customs brokers in the performance of customs business on behalf of others. The proposed revision, which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 27, 1999, includes changes to the regulatory texts to part 111 to reflect amendments to the underlying statutory authority enacted as part of the Customs Modernization provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. The proposed revision also includes changes to reflect the recent reorganization of Customs as well as changes to improve the content, layout and clarity of the regulatory texts. The comment period was scheduled to expire on June 28, 1999.

DATES: Comments on the proposed revision must be received on or before July 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments (preferably in triplicate) may be addressed to the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20229. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), § 1.4, Treasury Department Regulations (31 CFR 1.4) and § 103.11(b), Customs Regulations (19 CFR 103.11(b)) between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on normal business days at the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Operational Aspects:* Bruce Ingalls,

Office of Field Operations (202-927-1082).

Legal Aspects: Jerry Laderberg, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202-927-2320).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Customs published a document in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 22726) on April 27, 1999, proposing to revise part 111 of the Customs Regulations governing the licensing and conduct of customs brokers in the performance of customs business on behalf of others. The proposed revision includes changes to the regulatory texts to part 111 to reflect amendments to the underlying statutory authority enacted as part of the Customs Modernization provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. The proposed revision also includes changes to reflect the recent reorganization of Customs as well as changes to improve the content, layout and clarity of the regulatory texts.

The document invited the public to comment on the proposed revision to part 111. Comments on the proposed rule were requested on or before June 28, 1999.

On June 22, 1999, Customs received a request from a law firm representing the JFK Airport Customs Brokers Association to extend the time period for submission of comments on the proposed rule so that the firm can receive sufficient input from members of the Association before submitting comments.

Customs has concluded that this request has merit. Accordingly, the period of time for the submission of comments is being extended 30 days. Comments are now due on or before July 28, 1999.

Dated: June 23, 1999.

Stuart P. Seidel,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operations Regulations; Columbia River, OR

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.