

Congress relating to any area within the jurisdiction of the Office of Program Law.

4. Drafts or reviews all SSA regulatory materials and legal instruments relating to areas within the jurisdiction of the Office of Program Law.

Amend as follows:

G. The Offices of Regional Chief Counsels (S9G-F1—S9G-FX).

2. Provide litigation support and legal services and advice to the SSA Regional Commissioners in the various areas set out above regarding OGC offices.

Dated: May 22, 2000.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3340]

### Bureau of Nonproliferation; Determination Under the Foreign Assistance Act

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 654(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2378), notice is hereby given that the Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation has made a determination pursuant to section 620H of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2378), and section 549 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2000 (enacted by reference in P.L. 106-113), and analogous provisions in previous year Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and related Programs Appropriations Acts, and has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

Dated: June 14, 2000.

**John P. Barker,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG 2000-7541]

### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC). MERPAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters related to the training, qualification, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine.

**DATES:** Applications should reach us on or before August 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-0229; by e-mailing mgould@comdt.uscg.mil; or by faxing 202-267-4570. Submit application forms to the same address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Luke B. Harden, Acting Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0229, fax 202-267-4570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MERPAC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commander for marine Safety and Environmental Protection, on matters for concern to merchant-marine personnel such as implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), and activities of regional examination centers.

MERPAC meets at least twice a year, once at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, and once elsewhere in the country. Its subcommittees and working groups may also meet to consider specific problems as required.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for six positions that expire or become vacant in January 2001. It needs applicants with one or more of the following backgrounds to fill the positions:

- (a) Licensed Deck officer.
- (b) Unlicensed member of the Engineering Department.
- (c) Two Marine Educators associated with State maritime academies.
- (d) Marine Educator associated with a training institution other than a Federal or State maritime academy.
- (e) Public (no maritime experience necessary).

Each member serves for a term of 3 years. No member may hold more than

two consecutive 3-year terms. MERPAC members serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, they do receive travel reimbursement and per diem.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

If you are selected as a member who represents the general public, we will require you to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act [5 U.S.C. 552a].

Dated: June 13, 2000.

**Peter A. Richardson,**

*Acting, Director of Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2000-20]

### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FA), 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 August 7, 2000.

### Petitions for Exemption

*Docket No.: 30052*

*Petitioner: Airbus Industrie*

*Section of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 21.183(f), 25.2(b), 25.807(f)(4), and 121.310(m)

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit a distance between exit door pairs 2 and 3 in excess of 60 feet for the A340–600 airplane.

**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.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 Rule 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:** Cherie Jack (202) 267–7271, Forest Rawls (202) 267–8033, or Vanessa Wilkins (202) 267–8029 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).

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**Anthony F. Fazio,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 30086]

### Report to Congress on Effects of Nonmilitary Helicopter Noise on Individuals in Densely Populated Areas in the Continental United States

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests comments and information to help fulfill a requirement for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to conduct a study in identifying recommendations for reduction of the effects of nonmilitary helicopter noise that otherwise impacts individuals of densely populated areas in the

continental United States. This notice solicits information and comment on specific issues; the FAA will consider all responses in preparing its report to Congress on effects of nonmilitary helicopter noise on individuals in densely populated areas.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this notice should be mailed, in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, Attn: Rules Docket, Docket No. 30086, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 915H, Washington, DC 20591. Comments may be inspected in Room 915G between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Sandy R. Liu, Noise Division (AEE–100), Office of Environment and Energy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 493–4864; fax (202) 267–5594.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Section 747 of the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 2000 requires the FAA to conduct a noise study on the effects of nonmilitary helicopter noise on individuals in densely populated areas in the continental United States and report associated noise reduction recommendations to Congress. This study shall focus on air traffic control procedures to address the helicopter noise problems and take into account the needs of law enforcement. The major goal of the study is to identify the type of helicopter operations (either law enforcement, electronic news gathering (ENG), sightseeing tour, emergency medical services (EMS), or corporate executive commute) that elicit negative response by individuals for typical densely populated areas and understand whether air traffic control procedures are applicable to addressing helicopter noise reduction in ways which are not unduly restrictive on operations.

The FAA has developed a plan for conducting the required study and completing the report to Congress. The plan's primary elements include: (1) a nonmilitary helicopter operations assessment for a densely populated area (*i.e.*, New York City), (2) a public call for information from people concerned with nonmilitary helicopter noise, (3) a call for input from the helicopter industry, (4) a publicly held focus workshop to review inputs and findings with interest groups, and (5) helicopter noise impact analysis.

Recommendations shall be prepared and provided in the report to Congress.

Participation of Federal agencies is encouraged through the Federal Interagency Committee on Aviation (FICAN).

#### Request for Information

In supplementing the study findings, the FAA is seeking comment and information regarding the following four questions. A discussion of each will be incorporated into the FAA report to Congress. Additional comments regarding any of the issues raised by Congress under Section 747 of the Authorization Act are also invited. The FAA will review and consider all responses in preparing its report to Congress.

1. What are the types of helicopter operations (law enforcement, electronic news gathering, sightseeing tours, etc.) that elicit the negative response by individuals in densely populated areas?

2. What air traffic control procedures are applicable in addressing helicopter noise reduction? Why?

3. What impacts could restrictive air traffic control procedures have on operations of:

Law enforcement helicopters?

Electronic news gathering (ENG) helicopters?

Sightseeing tour helicopters?

Emergency medical services (EMS) helicopters?

Corporate executive helicopters?

4. What are the recommended solutions for reduction of the effects of nonmilitary helicopter noise?

The FAA encourages public participation in this initiative. The data received will be considered in preparing the report to Congress. Comments responding to these questions should be mailed to the office designated in the **ADDRESSES** heading and include the docket number. Commenters who wish the FAA to acknowledge the receipt of their comments must submit with their comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 30086." The postcard will be date-stamped by the FAA and returned to the commenter.

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**James D. Erickson,**

*Director of Environment and Energy.*

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