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Dated: July 30, 2013.

**Faye Lipsky,**

*Reports Clearance Director, Social Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8403]

### Suggestions for Environmental Cooperation Pursuant to the United States-Colombia Environmental Cooperation Agreement

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of preparation of and request for comments regarding the first United States—Colombia Environmental Cooperation Work Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Department invites the public, including NGOs, educational institutions, private sector enterprises and other interested persons, to submit written comments or suggestions regarding items for inclusion in the first Work Program for implementing the United States—Colombia Environmental Cooperation Agreement, which entered into force on June 28, 2013. We encourage submitters to refer to: (1) The U.S.—Colombia Environmental Cooperation Agreement; (2) Chapter 18 (Environment) of the U.S.—Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; and (3) the Environmental Review of the U.S.—Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement. These documents are available at: <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/eqt/trade/c51527.htm>.

**DATES:** To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than August 16, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions should be emailed to ([MartirTorresMC@state.gov](mailto:MartirTorresMC@state.gov)) or faxed ((202) 647-5947) to Maina Martir-Torres, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State, with the subject line “U.S.-Colombia Environmental Cooperation.” If you have access to the Internet, you can view and comment on this notice by going to: <http://www.regulations.gov/#/home> and searching on docket number: DOS-2013-0013

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Maina Martir-Torres, telephone (202) 647-4750.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### U.S.-Colombia Environmental Cooperation Agreement

The United States—Colombia Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA) entered into force on June 28, 2013. The United States and Colombia negotiated the ECA in parallel with the U.S.—Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement. The ECA establishes a framework to promote cooperation on environmental protection, sustainable management of natural resources, conservation and protection of biodiversity, and strengthening of environmental law enforcement. Article III of the ECA establishes an Environmental Cooperation Commission (ECC), which is responsible for developing work programs that reflect the parties’ priorities for cooperative environmental activities.

We are requesting suggestions for cooperative environmental activities to consider for inclusion in the first Work Program. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/eqt/trade/index.htm>. *Disclaimer:* This Public Notice is a request for comments

and suggestions, and is not a request for applications. No granting of money is directly associated with this request for suggestions for the Work Program. There is no expectation of resources or funding associated with any comments or suggestions for the Work Program or the Plan of Action.

Dated: July 23, 2013.

**Deborah E. Klepp,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8404]

### Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Central Government of Suriname

Pursuant to Section 7031(b)(3) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2012 (Div. I, Pub. L. 112-74) (“the Act”), as carried forward by the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (Div. F, Pub. L. 113-6), and Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245-1, I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of Section 7031(b)(1) of the Act and similar provisions of law in prior year Acts with respect to Suriname and I hereby waive this restriction.

This determination and the accompanying Memorandum of Justification shall be reported to the Congress, and the determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 19, 2013.

**William J. Burns,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2013-0265]

#### Proposed Policy for Discontinuance of Certain Instrument Approach Procedures

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed policy and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** As, new technology facilitates the introduction of area navigation (RNAV) instrument approach procedures over the past decade, the number of procedures available in the National Airspace System has nearly doubled. The complexity and cost to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of maintaining the existing ground based navigational infrastructure while expanding the new RNAV capability is not sustainable. The FAA is considering the cancellation of certain Non-directional Beacon (NDB) and Very High Frequency (VHF) Omnidirectional Radio Range (VOR) instrument approach procedures (IAP) at airports that have multiple instrument approach procedures. The FAA proposes specific criteria to guide the identification and selection of appropriate NDB and VOR instrument approach procedures that can be considered for cancellation. The VOR IAPs associated with this cancellation initiative would be selected from the criteria outlined below. This Notice is not a part of the FAA's VOR minimum operating network (MON) initiative.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 1, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number 2013-0265 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building

Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

- *Privacy:* The FAA will post all comments it receives, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information the commenter provides. Using the search function of the docket Web site, anyone can find and read the electronic form of all comments received into any FAA dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-19478), as well as at <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

- *Docket:* Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. This proposal is subject to change after review of public comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions concerning this action, contact Mr. Larry Strout, Aeronautical Navigational Products, Terminal Products Group, Central Products Team Manager, Air Traffic Organization, AJV-353, Federal Aviation Administration, 6500 S. MacArthur BLVD, Oklahoma City, OK 73169; telephone (405) 954-5070, email [AMC-ATO-IFP-Cancellations@faa.gov](mailto:AMC-ATO-IFP-Cancellations@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

Title 49 of the United States Code, section 40103, vests the Administrator with broad authority to regulate the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. The Administrator is authorized to issue rules and regulations to govern the flight, navigation, protection, and identification of aircraft for the protection of persons and property on the ground, and for the efficient use of the navigable airspace (49 U.S.C. 40103(b)). The Administrator also is authorized under § 44701(a)(5) to promote safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations and minimum standards for other practices, methods, and procedures necessary for safety in air commerce and national security.

##### Background

The FAA is continuing to expand the availability and capability of area navigation (RNAV) to improve safety and efficiency within the National Airspace System (NAS). A major enhancement is the introduction of Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) capable RNAV instrument approach procedures that provide for near-precision vertical guidance.

As a result of new RNAV instrument approach procedures, the number of instrument approach procedures available to the public has nearly doubled over the past decade and will continue to grow with the public's demand for new WAAS procedures. The complexity and cost of maintaining existing ground-based navigational infrastructure while expanding new RNAV capability is exceeding the FAA's current staffing and budget allocations and projections over the next five years. To meet the public's demand for WAAS capable RNAV procedures, the FAA must manage the growth in the number of instrument approach procedures and finds that certain redundant ground-based procedures can be eliminated without affecting safety or access to airports.

To help identify viable strategies for cancellation of ground-based procedures, the FAA awarded a grant to the Flight Safety Foundation. In conducting its research, the Flight Safety Foundation held meetings with FAA and Department of Defense (DOD) personnel and key industry interest groups. Outreach conducted by the Foundation identified that most NDB procedures are no longer desired, except in support of certain DOD operations and flight schools. The Flight Safety Foundation also found user support for cancelling some VOR procedures when multiple IAPs are available. Results of the Flight Safety Foundation study were published in the report titled "A Recommended Process: Safely Reducing Redundant or Underutilized Instrument Approach Procedures." The report is available for review at: [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/flight\\_info/aeronav/procedures/reports/media/FAA\\_Grant\\_Flight\\_Safety\\_Foundation\\_Inc-2010G023.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/procedures/reports/media/FAA_Grant_Flight_Safety_Foundation_Inc-2010G023.pdf).

By this notice, the FAA seeks comments on proposed criteria that would facilitate the FAA's determination of which procedures can be considered for cancellation. After reviewing the comments submitted to this notice, the FAA will use the criteria for selection of potential NDB and VOR procedures for cancellation. Once the criteria are established and the FAA