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Correction—PTC23 EUR-SEA 0043
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Notice of Application for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending October 31, 1997

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 *et. seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-95-477.

Date Filed: October 31, 1997.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: November 28, 1995.

Description: Application of L.B. Limited pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41302, applies for amendment and re-issuance of its foreign air carrier permit to engage in scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail on the following Bahamas-U.S. scheduled combination route: Freeport on the one hand, and the coterminal points Atlantic City, NJ; Pittsburgh, PA; Louisville, KY; Clearwater, FL; and Charleston, SC on the other hand.

Docket Number: OST-97-3075.

Date Filed: October 31, 1997.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: November 28, 1997.

Description: Application of Northern Airlines Corporation, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in scheduled and charter interstate air transportation of persons, property and mail, and respectfully requests that it be accomplished through show cause or other expedited procedures.

Docket Number: OST-97-3076.

Date Filed: October 31, 1997.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: November 28, 1997.

Description: Application of Servicios Aereos Profesionales, S.A., pursuant to Subpart Q and Section 402 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, applies for issuance of an initial Foreign Air Carrier Permit, to operate between the Dominican Republic and the United States under a wet lease agreement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Air Carrier Operations Issues—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: Notice is given of a new task assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Quentin J. Smith, Federal Aviation Administration (AFS-200), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; phone (202) 267-5819; fax (202) 267-5229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This

includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitment to harmonize its regulations and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

One area ARAC deals with is air carrier operations issues. These issues involve the operational requirements for air carriers, including crewmember requirements, airplane operating performance and limitations, and equipment requirements.

The Task

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendation on the following harmonization tasks:

Airplane Performance Operating Limitations

1. Review FAA and JAA airplane operational performance requirements (14 CFR parts 121 and 135/JAR-OPS) and develop a list of differences between the two sets of requirements. (use should be made of preliminary work on the task carried out by industry). During this review, if differences are identified in the associated certification requirements, such difference should be reported to the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) and the Harmonization Management Team by the FAA and JAA contacts.

2. When the first step is completed, explore the feasibility of harmonization of each identified difference in the following order of priority: Performance Class A, Class B, and Class C.

3. Within one year of publication of the ARAC task in the **Federal Register**, develop recommendations for common (harmonized) operational performance requirements for those items identified under item above as being feasible for harmonization. If the working group determines FAA rulemaking is required, that determination must be forwarded to the FAA for consideration of rulemaking priority, resource allocation, and additional tasking to ARAC, as appropriate.

Working Group Activity

The Airplane Performance Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of that tasks, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider air carrier operations issues held following publication of this notice.

2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.

3. Draft an appropriate report.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider air carrier operations issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Airplane Performance Harmonization Working Group is composed of experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee..

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the tasks, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. The request will be reviewed by the assistant chair, and the individual will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated. Requests to participate on the Airplane Performance Harmonization Working Group should be submitted no later than January 2, 1998. To the extent possible, the composition of the working group will be balanced among the aviation interests selected to participate.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meeting of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Airplane Performance Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 5, 1997.

Quentin J. Smith,

Assistant Executive Director, for Air Carrier Operations Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA, Inc.; Joint RTCA Special Committee 180 and Eurocae Working Group 46 Meeting; Design Assurance Guidance for Airborne Electronic Hardware

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a joint RTCA Special Committee 180 and EUROCAE Working Group 46 meeting to be held December 3-5, 1997, starting at 8:30 a.m. on December 3. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda; (3) Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Joint Meeting; (4) Leadership Team Meeting Report; (5) Review Action Items; (6) FAR part 21 Revision Activity Report; (7) Review Issue Logs; (8) Issue Team Status; (9) Break into Teams; (10) Issue Team Reports; (11) New Items for Consensus; (12) Special Committee 190 Committee Activity Report; (13) Other Business; (14) Establish Agenda for Next Meeting; (15) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 933-9339 (phone); (202) 933-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 3, 1997.

Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Notice 97-13]

Safety Advisory: Unauthorized Cans Used to Package and Transport HC-12a®, a Liquefied Petroleum Gas

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Safety advisory notice.

SUMMARY: This is to notify the public that cans labeled as DOT-2Q containing HC-12a®, a liquefied petroleum gas, packaged and distributed by OZ Technology, Inc. (OZ), Rathdrum, Idaho are unauthorized for the packaging and transportation of HC-12a®, and that tests on these cans show that they may fail at ambient temperatures normally encountered in transportation. Failure of cans containing a liquefied petroleum gas could result in serious personal injury, death, and property damage.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raymond L. LaMagdelaine, Chief, Special Investigations, telephone (202) 366-4700, Office of Hazardous Materials Enforcement, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) (49 CFR Parts 171-180) authorize certain specification containers for liquefied petroleum gas. A specification DOT-2Q container may be used if quantity and pressure limits are met. Specification DOT-2Q cans, when not equipped with a pressure relief device, are authorized to transport liquefied petroleum gas with a vapor pressure not exceeding 35 p.s.i.g. at 70° F. and 100 p.s.i.g. at 130° F. (49 CFR 173.304(d)(3)(ii)). The cans used by OZ to package HC-12® have no pressure relief device. According to the OZ Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), the vapor pressure of HC-12a® is 72 p.s.i.g. at 70° F. Therefore, a DOT-2Q can is not authorized for shipment of HC-12a®.

When a DOT-2Q can is authorized, the HMR require that "[e]ach completed container filled for shipment must have been heated until contents reached a minimum temperature of 130° F., without evidence of leakage, distortion, or

defect." (49 CFR 173.304(d)(3)(ii) Note 1). RSPA had 18 cans of HC-12a® tested by an independent test laboratory. Of the 18 cans tested, six cans burst (i.e., the valve assembly separated from the can), three leaked,