

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of Bismarck, North Dakota under § 158.23 of part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ms. Irene R. Porter, Manager, Bismarck Airports District Office, 2000 University Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504, (701) 250-4358. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Bismarck Municipal Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On December 19, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the City of Bismarck, North Dakota was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than March 21, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC application number: 98-02-C-00-BIS.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: June 1, 1998.

Proposed charge expiration date: March 31, 2003.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$1,474,422.00.

Brief description of proposed projects: *Impose Only:* Rehabilitate Baggage Claim Area.

*Impose and Use:* Rehabilitate General Aviation Ramp; Terminal Building, ADA Compliance; Relocation of Airway Avenue (Yegen Road); Reconstruct, Extend, and Widen Runway 3/21; PFC Application Preparation; Improve Airfield Service Road; Plans and Specifications for Runway 13/31 and Taxiway A; Rehabilitate Runway 13/31; Rehabilitate Runway 13/31 Lighting; Rehabilitate Taxiway A.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: All on demand air taxi/commercial operators, filing FAA Form 1800-31, that enplane fewer than 500 passengers per year and not having their base of operations at Bismarck Municipal Airport and all on demand air taxi/commercial operators, filing FAA Form 1800-31, having their

base of operations at Bismarck Municipal Airport.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Bismarck Municipal Airport or City of Bismarck offices.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on January 8, 1998.

**Benito De Leon,**

*Manager, Planning and Programming Branch, Airports Division, Great Lakes Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Intent to Rule on Application to Impose and Use a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Rule on application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use a PFC at Chicago O'Hare International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Room 201, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Mary Rose Loney, Commissioner, of the City of Chicago Department of Aviation at the following address: Chicago O'Hare International Airport, P.O. Box 66142, Chicago, Illinois 60666.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of Chicago Department of Aviation under § 158.23 of part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Philip M. Smithmeyer, Manager, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Room 201, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, (847) 294-7335. The application may be revised in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use a PFC at Chicago O'Hare International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On December 23, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by City of Chicago Department of Aviation was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than March 25, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC application number: 98-07-C-00-ORD.

Level of the PFC: \$3.00.

Original charge effective date: September 1, 1993.

Revised proposed charge expiration date: July 1, 2005.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$69,189,000.00.

**Brief description of proposed projects:**

- a. Guard Post 2 Site Improvements.
- b. Runway 4R/22L Rehabilitation.
- c. Runway 4L/22R Rehabilitation.
- d. ATS Improvement.
- e. Acquisition of 1997 Equipment.
- f. Security Enhancements at Former Military Base.
- g. Additional School Soundproofing.
- h. Upgrade of I/CAD to Windows NT Platform.
- i. I/CAD GPS for OCC.
- j. ID Badging System Upgrade.

*Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs:* Air Taxi operators.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the City of Chicago Department of Aviation.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on January 8, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Aircraft Portable Megaphones**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and request comments on proposed technical standard order (TSO) pertaining to aircraft portable megaphones. The proposed TSO prescribes the minimum performance standards that aircraft portable megaphones must meet to be identified with the marking "TSO-C137."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Comments must be received on or before April 24, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service—File No. TSO-C137, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments must identify the TSO file number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Bobbie J. Smith, Technical Program and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, FAX No. (202) 267-5340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address. Comments received on the proposed technical standard order may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays

except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

**Background**

Proposed TSO-C137 establishes the basic requirements for the design and performance of aircraft portable megaphones.

This TSO was designed with the intent of being used predominately in transport category air carrier operations. However, the proposed TSO will be suitable for any aircraft application.

The proposed TSO references the SAE AS 4950 "Design and Performance Criteria for Transport Aircraft Portable megaphones." The TSO also references RTCA Document Number DO-160D which sets forth the environmental test standards for articles manufactured under this TSO. Compliance with this TSO is predicated, in part, on meeting the standards set forth in these documents, with the exception of certain requirements in SAE AS 4950. Specifically, this TSO substitutes different data requirements that the manufacturer must have available for FAA review for those that appear in SAE AS 4950.

In addition to marking requirements specified in 14 CFR 21.607(d), each separate component that is easily removable (without hand tools), an interchangeable element, or a separate sub-assembly of the article must be permanently and legibly marked with at least the name of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's part number, and the TSO number. This TSO also permits optional marking to denote aircraft-specific installation limitations on the article. These exceptions to SAE AS 4950 are detailed in Appendix 1 of this TSO.

**How to Obtain Copies**

A copy of the proposed TSO-C137, may be obtained via Internet (<http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/100home.htm>) or on request from the office listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Copies of Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc. (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) AS 4950 may be purchased from the SAE Inc., Department 331, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001. Copies of RTCA, Inc. Document No. 160D, "Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment," dated July 29, 1997 may be purchased from the RTCA, Inc., 1140

Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 13, 1998.

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*Acting Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Emergency Evacuation Slides, Ramps, and Slide/Raft Combinations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and request comments on proposed technical standard orders (TSO's) pertaining to emergency evacuation slides, ramps, and slide/raft combinations. The proposed TSO's prescribe the minimum performance standards that emergency evacuation slides, ramps, and slide/raft combinations must meet to be identified with the marking "TSO-C69c."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Comments must be received on or before April 24, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service—File No. TSO-C69c, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments must identify the TSO file number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Bobbie J. Smith, Technical Program and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, FAX No. (202) 267-5340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address. Comments received on the proposed