

working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the FAA as ARAC recommendations.

Working Group Activity

The Mechanical Systems 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 the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider transport airplane and engine 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 appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and/or any other related guidance material or collateral documents the working group determines to be appropriate; or, if new or revised requirements or compliance methods are not recommended, a draft report stating the rationale for not making such recommendations. If the resulting recommendation is one or more notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published by the FAA, the FAA may ask ARAC to recommend disposition of any substantive comments the FAA receives.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider transport airplane and engine issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Mechanical Systems Harmonization Working Group will be composed of technical 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. All requests to participate must be received no later than October 5, 1998. The requests will be reviewed by the assistant chair and the assistant executive director, and the individuals will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

Individuals chosen for membership on the working group will be expected to represent their aviation community

segment and participate actively in the working group (e.g., attend all meetings, provide written comments when requested to do so, etc.). They also will be expected to devote the resources necessary to ensure the ability of the working group to meet any assigned deadline(s). Members are expected to keep their management chain advised of working group activities and decisions to ensure that the agreed technical solutions do not conflict with their sponsoring organization's position when the subject being negotiated is presented to ARAC for a vote.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair.

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.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Mechanical Systems 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.

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Joseph A. Hawkins,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-98-17]

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

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 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.

DATE: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before September 17, 1998.

ADDRESS: 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, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.dot.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 Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tawana Matthews (202) 267-9783 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267-7624, 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).

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29285.

Petitioner: Mr. Peter F. Fichter.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 61.153(a)

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Mr. Fichter to obtain an airline transport pilot certificate before reaching his 23rd birthday.

Docket No.: 29217.

Petitioner: Mr. Dwight E. Reber.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 21.25(a)(2) and 133.19(a)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Mr. Reber to operate a Russian military Kamov Ka-25 helicopter in the restricted category and evaluate it under part 133 for market production test.

Docket No.: 29169.

Petitioner: Clay Lacy Aviation, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.152(a).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Clay Lacy to operate its Gulfstream II aircraft under part 135 without it being equipped with an approved digital flight data recorder.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 28590.

Petitioner: Human Flight, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 105.43(a)

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit employees, representatives, or other volunteer jumpers under the direction and control of Human Flight to make Tandem parachute jumps while wearing a dual-harness, dual-parachute pack having at least one main parachute and one approved auxiliary parachute. Grant, August 5, 1998, Exemption No. 6650A.

Docket No.: 28079.

Petitioner: General Electric Aircraft Engines.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 21.325(b)(1).

Description of Relief/Disposition: To permit General Electric Aircraft Engines (GEAE) to obtain export airworthiness approvals for Class I products manufactured under GEAE Production Certificate No. 107 at the Universal Maintenance Center of P.T. Industri Pesawat Terbang Nurtanio in Bandung, Indonesia. Grant, July 16, 1998, Exemption No. 6139B.

Docket No.: 24800.

Petitioner: Tennessee Air Cooperative, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 103.1(e)(1).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Tennessee Air Cooperative, Inc., to operate powered ultralight vehicles with an empty weight of up to 350 pounds to accommodate physically disabled persons. Grant, July 2, 1998, Exemption No. 5001E.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Rule on Application (98-04-C-00-CRW) to Impose and use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at the Yeager Airport, Charleston, West Virginia

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 the revenue from a PFC at Yeager Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Elonza Turner, Project Manager, Beckley Airports Field Office, 176 Airports Circle, Beaver, West Virginia 25813.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Timothy C. Murnahan, Assistant Airport Director for the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority at the following address: 100 Airport Road—Suite 175, Charleston, West Virginia 25311-1080.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Elonza Turner, Project Manager, Beckley Airports Field Office, 176 Airports Circle, Beaver, West Virginia, 25813 (tel. (304) 252-6216). 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 Yeager Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On August 18, 1998, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than November 17, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: January 1, 1999.

Proposed charge expiration date: January 1, 2001.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$1,257,285.

Brief description of proposed projects:

- Update Master Plan
- Remodel Restrooms at Terminal Building
- Jetway Modification
- Purchase security computers and cameras
- Purchase Fire Fighting Equipment
- Terminal Arpon Expansion (Phase I)
- Seal Coat Main Apron Asphalt
- Purchase Terminal Chiller Unit
- Rehabilitate Taxiways B & C

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs:

Part 135 charter Operator for hire to the general public and Part 121 charter Operator for hire to the general public.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA regional Airports office located at: Fitzgerald Federal Building, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York, 11430.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority.

Issued in Jamaica, New York on August 26, 1998.

Thomas Felix,

Manager, Planning & Programming Branch, Airports Division, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-4381]

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming 1993-1998 Mercedes-Benz 600 SEL Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of petition for decision that nonconforming 1993-1998 Mercedes-Benz 600 SEL passenger cars are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a petition for a decision that 1993-1998 Mercedes-Benz 600 SEL passenger cars that were not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for