

Application of AeroRepublica S.A. for a Foreign Air Carrier Permit Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41302 (Colombia-Orlando, Florida Passenger Charters); Application of AeroRepublica S.A.

[Docket OST-00-]

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 41302 and 14 CFR part 211, AeroRepublica S.A., an air carrier of the Republic of Colombia, hereby requests an initial foreign air carrier permit authorizing it to perform charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between a point or points in the Republic of Colombia and Orlando, Florida.

AeroRepublica proposes to begin its service to the United States by offering four charter flights per week between Bogota and Orlando, Florida, using B-727-200 aircraft. It plans to inaugurate this service on November 1, 2000.

In support of its request, AeroRepublica submits the following information as required by 14 CFR § 211.20:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7847]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, certification and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: MERPAC will meet on Tuesday, September 19, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 20, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 5, 2000. Written material and requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: MERPAC will meet on both days at the Catholic Seamen's Club, 2330 1st Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121.

Further directions regarding the location of the Catholic Seamen's Club may be obtained by contacting Ms. Diane Bentley at (206) 441-4773. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Lieutenant Commander Luke B. Harden, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, 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, or e-mail mgould@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of September 19, 2000 Meeting

The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting. The committee will then break up into the following working groups: Recommendations on a training and assessment program for officers in charge of a navigation watch "coming up through the hawsepipe," and; Recommendations on a training and assessment program for officers in charge of an engineering watch "coming up through the hawsepipe." The phrase "coming up through the hawsepipe" means informal in-service training leading from the rating of unlicensed seaman to a position as licensed officer. New working groups may be formed to address any new issues or tasks. At the end of the day, the working groups will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meetings. No action will be taken on these reports on this date.

Agenda of September 20, 2000, Meeting

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction.
- (2) Oath of Office to New Members and Re-appointed Members.
- (3) Working Group Reports.
 - (a) Recommendations on a Training and Assessment Program for Officers in Charge of a Navigation Watch Coming Up Through the Hawsepipe.
 - (b) Recommendations on a Training and Assessment Program for Officers in Charge of an Engineering Watch Coming Up Through the Hawsepipe.
- (4) Other items to be discussed:
 - (a) Standing Committee—Prevention Through People
 - (b) Other items brought up for discussion by the committee or the public

Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than September 5, 2000. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 1, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 1, 2000.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7861]

Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to the safety of navigation. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: NAVSAC will meet on Friday, September 22, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, September 23, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 13, 2000. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 13, 2000. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Council should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: NAVSAC will meet at the Renaissance Madison Hotel, 515 Madison Street, Seattle, WA 98104. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Ms. Margie G. Hegy, Commandant (G-MW), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Margie G. Hegy, Executive Director of NAVSAC, telephone 202-267-0415, fax 202-267-4700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Puget Sound Panel Report.
- (2) All weather navigation.
- (3) High speed craft.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation, please notify the Executive Director no later than September 13, 2000. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 13, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Council in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 13, 2000.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistance Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Approval of Noise Compatibility Program; Waimea-Kohala Airport, Kamuela, Hawaii

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the Noise Compatibility Program submitted by the state of Hawaii, Department of Transportation under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-193) and Title, 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 150 (FAR Part 150). These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On February 14, 2000, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by the state of Hawaii, Department of Transportation under FAR Part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On August 9, 2000, the Associate Administrator for Airports approved six of the seven program measures included in the Waimea-Kohala Airport Noise Compatibility Program. One measure was approved as a voluntary measure, five measures were approved outright, and one measure was disapproved pending the submission of additional information.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's approval of the Waimea-Kohala Airport Noise Compatibility Program is August 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Welhouse, Airport Planner, Federal Aviation Administration, Honolulu Airports District Office, HNL-621. Telephone: (808) 541-1243. Mailing address: P.O. Box 50244, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850-0001. Street address: 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 7-128, Honolulu, HI 96813. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the Noise Compatibility Program for the Waimea-Kohala Airport, effective August 9, 2000.

Under Section 104(a) of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator who has previously submitted a Noise Exposure Map, may submit to the FAA a Noise Compatibility Program which sets forth

the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing noncompatible land uses and prevention of additional noncompatible land uses within the area covered by the Noise Exposure Maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport Noise Compatibility Program developed in accordance with FAR Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in FAR Part 150 and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The Noise Compatibility Program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing noncompatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal Government; and

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport Noise Compatibility Program are delineated in FAR Part 150, Section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under Federal, State, or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute a FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and a FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the