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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Adams (202) 267-8033, Sandy Buchanan-Sumter (202) 267-7271, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2004-17395.

Petitioner: Flying Boat, Inc., d.b.a. Chalks International Airlines.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 121.354.

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Flying Boat, Inc., d.b.a. Chalks International Airlines to operate the Grumman Turbine Mallard, G73T, without an approved terrain awareness and warning system properly installed on those aircraft.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International, New Orleans, LA

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 Louis Armstrong New Orleans 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 June 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate copies to the FAA at the following address: Mr. G. Thomas Wade, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-611, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Roy Williams, Director of Aviation, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport at the following address: P.O. Box 20007, New Orleans, LA 70141.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of the written comments previously provided to the Airport under Section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. G. Thomas Wade, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-611, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610, (817) 222-5613.

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 Louis Armstrong New Orleans 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) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On April 26, 2004, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Airport 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 August 6, 2004.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.
Proposed charge effective date: May 1, 2011.

Proposed charge expiration date: April 1, 2014.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$60,699,931.

PFC application number: 04-07-C-00-MSY.

Brief description of proposed project(s):

Projects To Impose and Use PFC's

1. Airport Interior Signage
 2. Concourses A & B Terminal Reflooring
 3. Concourse C Checkpoint Expansion
 4. Construct Connector Taxiway U
 5. Construct Holding Bay—Runway 19
 6. Exterior Terminal Renovations—Lower Roadway
 7. FIS Facility
 8. Gate Utilization Study
 9. Terminal HVAC Rehabilitation, Phase II
 10. Terminal Pedestrian Access Enhancements
 11. TSA-Related Terminal Modifications and Airline Relocations
 12. Airport Master Plan
 13. Noise Mitigation Flight Tracking System
 14. Part 1542 Security System
 15. Replace/Repair High Mast Lighting
 16. Residential Sound Insulation Program/Land Acquisition
 17. Terminal Apron Expansion
 18. Terminal HVAC Rehabilitation—Phase III
 19. Terminal Interior and Exterior Improvements
 20. Transportation Center Expansion
- Proposed class or classes of air carriers to be exempted from collecting PFC's: FAR Part 135 On-Demand Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO).
- 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: Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137-4298.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on April 26, 2004.

D. Cameron Bryan,

Acting Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO)-C166, Extended Squitter Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) and Traffic Information Service—Broadcast (TIS-B) Equipment Operating on the Radio Frequency of 1090 Megahertz (MHz)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the re-issuance of the proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO)-C166, Extended Squitter Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) and Traffic Information Service (TIS-B) Equipment Operating on the Radio Frequency of 1090 Megahertz (MHz). Comments received from the initial August 11, 2003, presentation resulted in significant changes to the TSO, including the addition of an Appendix A to address corrections to the proposed RTCA Inc., Document (RTCA/DO)-260A, Minimum Operational Performance Standards for 1090 MHz Extended Squitter Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) and Traffic Information Services—Broadcast (TIS-B), dated April 10, 2003. The resulting changes to this proposed TSO tells persons seeking a TSO authorization or letter of design approval what minimum performance standards (MPS) their Extended Squitter ADS-B and TIS-B equipment must meet to be identified with the applicable TSO marking.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 31, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Avionic Systems Branch, AIR-130, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. ATTN: Mr. Robert Duffer. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Duffer, Federal Aviation

Administration, Aircraft Certification service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Avionic Systems Branch, AIR-30, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Telephone (202) 385-4557, FAX: (202) 385-4651.

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 TSO may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Buildings, 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 will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

Background

This proposed TSO prescribes the MPS for airborne equipment to support Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) using Extended Squitter equipment operating on the frequency of 1090 MHz. ADS-B is a system by which aircraft and certain equipped surface vehicles can share position, velocity, and other information with one another, and with ground-based facilities such as air traffic services via radio broadcast techniques. Extended Squitter ADS-B will also support the reception of Traffic Information Service—Broadcast (TIS-B) messages. Two major classes of 1090 MHz Extended Squitter ADS-B equipment are supported by this proposed TSO: Class A() equipment which incorporates both a broadcast and receive subsystem, and Class B() equipment which supports broadcast only. It should be noted that upon final issuance of TSO-C166 the FAA will no longer accept applications for the incorporation of 1090 MHz Modes S Extended Squitter Broadcast under TSO-C112, unless the equipment also meets the minimum performance requirements of TSO-C166.

How To Obtain Copies

You may get a copy of the proposed TSO from the Internet at: <http://av-info.faa.gov/tso/Tsopro/Proposed.htm>. See section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** for the complete address if requesting a copy by mail. You may inspect the RTCA document at the FAA office location listed under **ADDRESS.** Note however, RTCA

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

TSO-C163, VDL Mode 3 Communications Equipment Operating Within the Frequency Range 117.975 to 137.000 Megahertz (MHz)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Availability of TSO-C163.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Technical Standard Order (TSO) for VDL Mode 3 Communications Equipment Operating within the Frequency Range 117.975 to 137.000 MHz. The VDL Mode 3 TSO recognizes the RTCA document No. (RTCA/DO)-271B, Minimum Operational Performance Standards (MOPS) for Aircraft VDL Mode 3 Transceiver Operating in the Frequency Range 117.975-137.000 MHz, as the minimum performance standards (MPS) for VDL Mode 3 equipment.

DATES: The effective date for TSO-C163 is April 29, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gregory E. Frye, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, AIR-130, 470 L'Enfant Plaza, Suite 4107, SW., Washington, DC 20024; Telephone: (202) 385-4649, FAX: (202) 385-4651; E-mail address: gregory.e.frye@faa.gov.

How To Obtain Copies

You may get a copy of TSO-C163 from the Internet at (<http://av-info.faa.gov/tso/Tsocur/Current.htm>). See section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for the complete address if requesting a copy by mail. You may inspect the RTCA document at: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30