PART 198—AVIATION INSURANCE

§ 198.1 Eligibility of aircraft operation for insurance.
An aircraft operation is eligible for insurance if—
(a) The President of the United States has determined that the continuation of that aircraft operation is necessary to carry out the foreign policy of the United States;
(b) The aircraft operation is—
(1) In foreign air commerce or between two or more places all of which are outside the United States if insurance with premium is sought; or
(2) In domestic or foreign air commerce, or between two or more places all of which are outside the United States if insurance without premium is sought; and
(c) The Administrator finds that commercial insurance against loss or damage arising out of any risk from the aircraft operation cannot be obtained on reasonable terms from an insurance carrier.

§ 198.3 Basis of insurance.
(a) Premium insurance may be issued by the FAA if the requirements of § 198.1 (a), (b)(1) and (c) are met.
(b) Subject to § 198.9(c), standby insurance without premium may be issued by the FAA if all of the following conditions have been met:
(1) A department, agency, or instrumentality of the U.S. Government seeks performance of air services operations, pursuant to a contract of the department, agency, or instrumentality; or transportation of military forces or materiel on behalf of the United States, pursuant to an agreement between the United States and a foreign government.
(2) Such department, agency, or instrumentality of the U.S. Government has agreed in writing to indemnify the Secretary of Transportation against all losses covered by such insurance. Such an agreement, when countersigned by the President, constitutes a determination that the continuation of that aircraft operation is necessary to carry out the foreign policy of the United States.
(c) Insurance is activated, placing the insurance in full force, as specified by the FAA’s written notification to the operator and remains in force until such time as either of the following occurs:
(1) The requirements in § 198.1 are no longer met; or
(2) In the case of non-premium insurance, an aircraft operation is no longer performed under contract to a department, agency, or instrumentality of the U.S. Government; or pursuant to an agreement between the United States and a foreign government; or the Administrator finds that commercial insurance can now be obtained on reasonable terms.
(d) Insurance policies revert to standby status upon written notification by the FAA to the aircraft operator. A policy will remain in standby status until either—
(1) The insurance is activated by written notice; or
(2) The policy is canceled.