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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Qualification and Approval of Flight Training Devices, Advisory Circular (AC) 120-45**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date, time, and location of a public meeting to address issues related to the qualification and approval of certain equipment utilized in pilot flight training. This equipment has been defined by the FAA as Flight Training Devices (FTD) in AC 120-45, as amended. The meeting will specifically include discussion and consideration of: (1) The criteria for qualification and approval of FTD not capable of meeting the standards for, or not submitted for, a specified level of qualification under the current AC; (2) the criteria for qualification and approval of devices commonly called Personal Computer-based Flight Training Devices (PCFTD); and (3) additional definitions and clarification that may be necessary regarding specific issues relative to FTD Levels 2-7; i.e., data, objective testing, etc. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to provide comments on these and other relevant matters pertaining to AC 120-45, as amended.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on August 29, 30, and 31, 1995. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on the first day, and 8 a.m. the second and third days.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the first floor auditorium of the FAA Southern Region Headquarters, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337.

Persons unable to attend the meeting may mail their comments in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, National Simulator Program Manager (NSPM), P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320. Written comments are invited and must be received on or before September 8, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding the logistics of the meeting should be directed to Joan Hollingsworth, FAA, NSPM Office, AFS-205, at the address shown in the preceding paragraph; telephone (404) 305-6100; facsimile (404) 305-6118.

Questions concerning the subject matter of the meeting should be directed to Ed Cook, National Simulator Program, telephone (404) 305-6101; or Larry Basham, Flight Standards Service, Certification Branch, telephone (202) 267-3837.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On March 11, 1987, the FAA issued AC 120-45, "Advanced Training Devices (Airplane Only) Evaluation and Qualification," applicable to that part of the aviation community regulated under Part 135 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR). On February 5, 1992, this AC was modified substantially with the issuance of AC 120-45A, "Airplane Flight Training Device Qualification," which established the technical standards for devices for flight training, qualification, or certification of all airmen under 14 CFR. Since its publication, questions have been asked about the specific technical standards described in this revised document and the application of those standards for various levels of FTD, including the necessity for, and the source of, supporting and validation data used to evaluate and qualify FTD's. Other questions centered around the type and level of detail required for certain objective tests for some levels of FTD. Additional questions arose concerning devices currently in operation and authorized by the FAA, but not capable of meeting the stated technical criteria; ways which some of the specific technical standards may be met; and whether some of the personal computer-based training systems/aids may be qualified under this AC.

AC 102-45A published specific technical criteria for FTD annotated as Levels 2 through 7. Level 1 was reserved for future use. Questions arose regarding the use of Level 1 as a broad-based "parking place" for unqualified FTDs currently in operation and for at least some of the personal computer-based training systems/aids. Many unanswered questions still remain about use of Level 1 for either or both of these two types of FTD and what technical standards should be required of them.

**Meeting Procedures**

(1) Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well

as an assistive listening device, if requested from the NSPM at least 10 calendar days before the meeting.

(2) Representatives of the FAA will preside over the meeting. FAA personnel involved in this issue will be present.

(3) Meeting participants will be provided an opportunity to raise issues, ask questions, or make comments from the floor in relation to the topic under discussion. Comments received from persons not able to attend (but who mailed or faxed comments received on or prior to August 22, 1995) will be read or summarized and read to those in attendance.

(4) No formal meeting notes will be taken and no summary of proceedings will be made available.

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**Thomas C. Accardi,**

*Director, Flight Standards Service.*

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**Proposed Advisory Circular 25.1187-1, Minimization of Flammable Fluid Fire Hazards (Flammable Fluid Fire Protection)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25.1187-1 and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed advisory circular (AC) which provides a method of compliance with the requirements of § 25.1187 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR). Section 25.1187 contains the certification requirements for drainage and ventilation of fire zones for transport category airplanes. This notice is necessary to give all interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the proposed AC.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 22, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: Mike Dostert, Airframe and Propulsion Branch, ANM-112, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at the above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jan Thor, Transport Standards Staff, at the address above, telephone (206) 227-2127.