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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Change to Advisory Circular 29-2A, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance and availability.

**SUMMARY:** Change 3, Advisory Circular (AC) 29-2A, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft, was issued to bring the AC up-to-date with various rule changes to 14 CFR Part 29. As part of the FAA effort to achieve national standardization in rotorcraft certification, the AC serves as a ready reference for manufacturers, modifiers, FAA design evaluation engineers, flight test engineers, and engineering flight test pilots and has been harmonized with the Joint Aviation Authority (JAA) to establish common guidance for the U.S. and for JAA member nations. The AC material has no legally binding status and must be treated as advisory only.

**DATES:** Change 3, AC 29-2A, was issued by the Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, on June 1, 1995.

**How to Order:** A copy of Change 3, AC 29-2A, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, or from any of the Government Printing Offices located in major cities throughout the United States. Identify the publication as Change 3, AC 29-2A, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft, Stock Number 050-007-01104-2. The cost is \$16.00 per copy. Send a check or money order, made payable to Superintendent of Documents, with your request. Requests may also be made by calling the Government Printing Office at 202-512-1800. Orders for mailing to foreign countries should include an additional \$4.00 to cover handling. No c.o.d. orders are accepted.

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#### Noise Exposure Map Notice; McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, TN

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority for McGhee-Tyson Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is October 12, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry O. Bowers, Airport District Office, 2851 Directors Cove, Suite #3, Memphis, TN 38131-0301, 901-544-3495.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for McGhee-Tyson Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective October 12, 1995.

Under section 103 of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict noncompatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted noise maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150,

promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposed for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority. The specific maps under consideration are McGhee-Tyson Airport Existing (1995) Noise Exposure Map and Future (2000) Noise Exposure Maps submission. The FAA has determined that these maps for McGhee-Tyson Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on October 12, 1995. FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific priorities to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 103 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 107 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator which submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the noise exposure maps and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps