

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No.

800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CMNTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

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Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 28303.

Petitioner: United Parcel Service.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.434(c)(1)(ii).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit the petitioner to substitute a

qualified and authorized check airman in place of a Federal Aviation Administration inspector to observe a qualifying pilot in command (PIC) while that PIC is performing prescribed duties during at least on flight leg that includes a takeoff and a landing when completing initial or upgrade training as specified in 14 CFR 121.424.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 26029.

Petitioner: Airborne Express.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.503(b), 121.505(a), and 121.511(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the petitioner's pilots and flight engineers to complete certain transcontinental flight schedules before being provided with at least 16 hours of rest.

Grant, November 19, 1997, Exemption No. 5167D.

Docket No.: 27180.

Petitioner: EVA Airways Corporation.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 61.77 (a), and (b), and 63.23 (a) and (b).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit the issuance of U.S. special purpose pilot authorizations and special purpose flight engineer certificates to airmen employed by the petitioner without those airmen meeting the requirement to hold a current foreign certificate of license issued by a foreign contracting State to the International Civil Aviation Organization, provided the airmen hold appropriate certificates issued by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Republic of China.

Grant, November 19, 1997, Exemption No. 6689A.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Streamlining Software Aspects of Certification Industry Workshop

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Industry Workshop.

SUMMARY:

Background

In April 1997, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) initiated the Streamlining Software Aspects of Certification (SSAC) program. The overall goal of this program is to reduce

the cost and time of certifying systems with software while maintaining or increasing system safety.

The purpose of this program is: (1) to determine scientifically if the time/expenditure burden yields the safety benefits; (2) to recommend improvements; and (3) to prototype those improvements.

The FAA assembled a team of experts to accomplish this purpose. The team is led by NASA Langley Research Center and includes software experts Dr. Nancy Leveson and Dr. John Knight.

Workshop Announcement

On January 7-8, 1998, an SSAC Industry Workshop will be held starting at 8:30 am. The workshop will be held at TRW Government Information Services Division at One Federal Systems Park Drive (Building FP1) in Fairfax, Virginia. The purpose of the SSAC Workshop is to enable the FAA and the SSAC research team to listen to industry's concerns about the software aspects of the certification process. The FAA is seeking industry participants who can relate their concerns through experience and involvement in the system certification process.

During the workshop, the SSAC team seeks input about: (1) the impact of DO-178B on each organization; (2) experiences with certification authorities; and (3) issues with the certification process believed to add cost and delay without affecting the quality of safety.

Upon conclusion of the workshop, the FAA will follow up by researching the issues voiced by industry, providing feedback, and sharing the results of this research effort. The key to the success of the workshop and the success of the SSAC program depends upon industry participation, input, and support.

Attendance is open to the appropriate industry participants. Persons wishing to receive additional information should contact the SSAC Assistant Program Manager, Bonnie Danner: TRW Government Information Services Division; One Federal System Park Drive; Fairfax, VA 22033-4416; 202-651-2254 (phone); or 202-484-1255 (fax).

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