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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aircraft Portable Megaphones

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request comments on proposed technical standard order (TSO) pertaining to aircraft portable megaphones. The proposed TSO prescribes the minimum performance standards that aircraft portable megaphones must meet to be identified with the marking "TSO-C137."

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments must be received on or before April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service—File No. TSO-C137, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments must identify the TSO file number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bobbie J. Smith, Technical Program and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, FAX No. (202) 267-5340.

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 technical standard order may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 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 for comments specified above will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

Background

Proposed TSO-C137 establishes the basic requirements for the design and performance of aircraft portable megaphones.

This TSO was designed with the intent of being used predominately in transport category air carrier operations. However, the proposed TSO will be suitable for any aircraft application.

The proposed TSO references the SAE AS 4950 "Design and Performance Criteria for Transport Aircraft Portable megaphones." The TSO also references RTCA Document Number DO-160D which sets forth the environmental test standards for articles manufactured under this TSO. Compliance with this TSO is predicated, in part, on meeting the standards set forth in these documents, with the exception of certain requirements in SAE AS 4950. Specifically, this TSO substitutes different data requirements that the manufacturer must have available for FAA review for those that appear in SAE AS 4950.

In addition to marking requirements specified in 14 CFR 21.607(d), each separate component that is easily removable (without hand tools), an interchangeable element, or a separate sub-assembly of the article must be permanently and legibly marked with at least the name of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's part number, and the TSO number. This TSO also permits optional marking to denote aircraft-specific installation limitations on the article. These exceptions to SAE AS 4950 are detailed in Appendix 1 of this TSO.

How to Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed TSO-C137, may be obtained via Internet (<http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/100home.htm>) or on request from the office listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Copies of Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc. (SAE) Aerospace Standard (AS) AS 4950 may be purchased from the SAE Inc., Department 331, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001. Copies of RTCA, Inc. Document No. 160D, "Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment," dated July 29, 1997 may be purchased from the RTCA, Inc., 1140

Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Emergency Evacuation Slides, Ramps, and Slide/Raft Combinations

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request comments on proposed technical standard orders (TSO's) pertaining to emergency evacuation slides, ramps, and slide/raft combinations. The proposed TSO's prescribe the minimum performance standards that emergency evacuation slides, ramps, and slide/raft combinations must meet to be identified with the marking "TSO-C69c."

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments must be received on or before April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service—File No. TSO-C69c, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments must identify the TSO file number.

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