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Used by the General Counsel and his staff in determining whether to approve decisions of the board.

See Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

File folders stored in file cabinets.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Indexed individually by name in one of two alphabetical sequences representing pending and closed cases. Also indexed by docket number. Pending cases filed by docket number; closed cases filed alphabetically.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are disclosed only to the applicant, his representative, interested members of Congress, and the Coast Guard.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Transfer of official military record of individual separated from service to Federal Records Center when case closed; transfer of official military record of Active or Reserve member to Coast Guard Headquarters when case closed; retention of application file in all cases.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Mail Address: Executive Secretary, Board for the Correction of Military Records, C-60, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Office Location: 400 7th Street, SW., Room 4100.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Apply to System Manager.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Apply to System Manager.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as "Record Access Procedure."

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

U.S. Coast Guard, Veterans Administration, individual applicants.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular 25-XX, Certification of Transport Airplane Structure

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25-XX and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed advisory circular (AC) which provides methods acceptable to the Administrator for showing compliance with the provisions of subparts C and D of 14 CFR part 25 regarding the type certification requirements for transport airplane structure. 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 October 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: Jim Haynes, Airframe/Airworthiness Branch, ANM-115, 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 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Burks, Transport Standards Staff, at the address above, telephone (206) 227-2114.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

A copy of the draft AC may be obtained by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Commenters should identify AC 25-XX, and submit comments, in duplicate, to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Transport Standards Staff before issuing the final AC.

Discussion

This AC contains guidance for the latest amendment of the regulations and applies to all transport category airplanes for which a new, amended, or supplemental type certificate is

required. This guidance should be applied to any portion of the airplane structure that has been modified. In the past, advisory and guidance information applicable to transport airplane structure has been formally published as ACs. Advisory circulars have not been developed for all of the regulatory requirements applicable to transport airplane structure, however. In many instances, certification of new technology airplanes resulted in the need to interpret the existing regulations and to apply new regulations. Issue papers and special conditions were generated to document the compliance method agreed upon between the applicant and the FAA. In other instances, applicants, FAA Aircraft Certification Office (ACO) managers, and foreign regulatory authorities have requested interpretation of the intent of specific regulations. This guidance was documented in the form of policy memorandums that were distributed to all ACOs, letters to applicants and foreign airworthiness authorities, and issue papers. In many instances, this information was not organized in a manner that allowed easy access, and applicants were not aware of revised policy. This AC formalizes existing policy so that the public and FAA personnel have access to this information. The methods and procedures described in this AC have evolved after many years and represents current certification practice. Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 22, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Fire and Cabin Safety Research; Notice of Public Conference

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Public Conference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an International Public Conference on Fire and Cabin Safety Research, which is being held by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a follow-up to a similar conference in November of 1995, and to discuss the current state of cabin and fire safety research. The Cabin Safety Research Program (CSR) and the conference are being jointly sponsored by the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA)