

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-OCC-98-05 and should be submitted by August 31, 1998.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice that the September 24, 1998, meeting of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and open to the public from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiation will hold a meeting on September 24, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues

which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code, I have determined that this meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. The meeting will be open to the public and press from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. when trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for September 24, 1998, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in Conference Room 2, located at 1724 F Street, Washington, DC, unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Daley, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-6120. **Charlene Barshefsky,** *United States Trade Representative.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aircraft Flight Recorder and Cockpit Voice Recorder

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Cancellation of Technical Standard Order (TSO) C123 and C124.

SUMMARY: This is a confirmation notice of cancellation of TSO-C123, Cockpit Voice Recorder System, and TSO-C124, Flight Data Recorder Systems. TSO-C123, prescribed the minimum performance standards for cockpit voice recorders that were required to be identified with marking "TSO-C123." TSO-C124 prescribed the minimum performance standards for flight data recorder systems that were required to be identified with marking "TSO-C124." This cancellation will ensure that future cockpit voice recorder systems and flight data recorder designs are produced under TSO-C123a, Cockpit Voice Recorder System, and

TSO-C124a, Flight Data Recorder Systems, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Michelle Swearingen, Avionics Systems Branch, AIR-130, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, FAX No. (202) 267-5340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 26, 1996, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published in the **Federal Register** a Notice, Volume 61, Page 50531, that canceled TSO-C123, Cockpit Voice Recorder Systems, and TSO-C124, Flight Data Recorder Systems and requested comments on the cancellations. TSO-C123 prescribed the minimum performance standards for cockpit voice recorders that were required to be identified with marking "TSO-C123." TSO-C124 prescribed the minimum performance standards for flight data recorder systems that were required to be identified with marking "TSO-C124." The cancellation will ensure that future cockpit voice recorder systems and flight data recorder designs are produced under TSO-C123a, Cockpit Voice Recorder System, dated 08/2/96, and TSO-C124a, Flight Data Recorder Systems, dated 08/1/96, respectively.

The National Transportation Safety Board reported that seven flight recorder media destroyed by postimpact fire in six accidents prompted concern about the adequacy of the performance standards for flight recorders. Minimum performance standards for impact and fire protection are outlined in four Technical Standard Orders (TSOs): TSO-C84 and TSO-C123 addressed CVRs, and TSO-C51a and TSO-C124 addressed FDRs. TSO-C84 and TSO-C51a were canceled May 18, 1996.

The FAA Technical Center released a report on its study of flight recorder fire test requirements. The study determined that the high intensity, 30-minute fire test specified in the European Organisation for Civil Aviation Equipment (EUROCAE), ED-56A, "Minimum Operational Requirements for Cockpit Voice Recorder System," and European Organisation for Civil Aviation Electronics (EUROCAE), ED-55, "Minimum Operational Specification for Flight Data Recorder Systems," (and TSO-C124) is not as severe as a 30-minute jet fuel pool fire that the test is intended to replicate. The Technical Center found that doubling

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).