

sessions/meetings or to offer more extensive comments than can easily be accommodated orally. Comments in the docket will be forwarded to the element of the Department responsible for the relevant provisions of TEA-21.

Comments will then be considered in decisionmaking on how to implement TEA-21. If the Department decides to pursue implementation of a provision of TEA-21 by issuing regulations, the Department will then initiate formal rule making under the Administrative Procedures Act.

For more information about the TEA-21 outreach sessions and meetings, please visit our website at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/outreach.htm> or contact Walter Finch at the address and phone number under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. For the text of TEA-21 (PL 105-178) as well as a summary and fact sheets on its provisions, please visit our website at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/legis.htm>.

The outreach sessions and public meetings consist of five National listening sessions, seven One-DOT Conferences, and a series of topic-specific information exchange meetings. The TEA-21 outreach sessions and meetings are scheduled between July 20, 1998 and mid-November, 1998.

The US DOT encourages all interested parties to submit written comments through November 22 on any TEA-21 provision. Since the docket will contain comments on many different provisions of TEA-21, it is important that you identify the specific TEA-21 provision(s) you are commenting on.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322 and PL 105-178.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 1998-4436]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard has submitted for emergency processing an information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR

concerns safety approval of cargo containers. OMB approval of the ICR was requested by August 28, 1998.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before November 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1998-4436), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001; or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this document. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Copies of the complete Information Collection Request are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and also from Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106, (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-001. The telephone number is 202-267-2326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this document, contact Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326. For questions on this docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, 202-366-9330.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document (USCG-1998-4436) and the specific Information Collection Request (ICR) to which each comment applies, and give the reason(s) for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

Information Collection Requests

1. **Title:** Safety Approval of Cargo Containers.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0094.

SUMMARY: The information collection requires owners and

manufacturers of cargo containers to submit information and keep records to make it possible for the Coast Guard or its appointed agents to conduct the approval process. The reporting requirements are necessary to provide the Coast Guard the information it needs to approve new equipment and designs. The recordkeeping requirements are necessary to assist the Coast Guard in its inspections of containers following approval.

Need: This collection of information addresses the reporting and recordkeeping requirements for containers in 49 CFR Parts 450-453. These rules are necessary because the U.S. is signatory to the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC). These rules prescribe only the minimum requirements of the CSC.

Respondents: Container owners; container manufacturers; organizations to which the Coast Guard delegates its approval authority.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 71,504.85 hours annually.

Dated: September 10, 1998.

S.A. Richardson,

Acting Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular 25-XX, Certification of Transport Airplane Electrical Equipment Installations

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 type of certification requirements for transport airplane electrical systems and equipment installations. 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 January 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: John McGraw, Manager, Airplane and Flightcrew Interface Branch, ANM-111,

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 (425) 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 advisory circular applies to Part 25 of the Federal Aviation Regulations for transport category airplanes for which a new, amended, or supplemental type certificate is requested. The policy extracts contained in the AC are presented in order to provide guidelines which can help in understanding and resolving certification issues or making approval decisions. In the past, advisory and guidance information applicable to transport airplane electrical systems and equipment installations has been formally published within ACs. However in many instances policy has been developed and applied to specific certification projects without formal publication. This policy was documented in the form of policy memorandums, issue papers which were distributed to the FAA Aircraft Certification Offices, or in the form of letters sent to commercial companies, other U.S. government agencies, U.S. Congressional representatives, or foreign certification and airworthiness authorities. In many instances this information was not organized in a way that allowed easy access. This AC is intended to document existing policy so that the public and FAA personnel have access to this information. The excerpts from memoranda and letters provided in this AC represent historical views of regulations and requirements which may have evolved since the issue of policy in the extract, and may be

applicable to a specific airplane model depending on the certification basis. The applicant and the cognizant certifying authority are advised to check and ensure, at the earliest practical moment, that a specific policy extract applies to any specific airplane type certification programs.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on September 8, 1998.

Ronald T. Wojnar,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, ANM-100.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory; Committee Meeting on Emergency Evacuation Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss emergency evacuation issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 8, 1998, at 10 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by October 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Fiesta Inn Conference Center, Prescott Room, 2100 South Priest Drive, Tempe, AZ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Effie M. Upshaw, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-7626, FAX (202) 267-5075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. III), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held on October 8, 1998, at the Fiesta Inn Conference Center, Prescott Room, 2100 South Priest Drive, Tempe, AZ.

The agenda will include:

- Opening remarks.
- Review of a new harmonization task on access to type III exits and clarification of issues relative to the task.
- Report on Performance Standards Working Group activities.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to space available. The public must make arrangements by October 2, 1998, to present oral statements at the meeting. Written

statements may be presented to the committee any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Emergency Evacuation Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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Joseph A. Hawkins,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-98-4370]

Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program—Implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments on program implementation in FY 2000 and beyond; request for letters of intent for FY 1999 planning and implementation grants.

SUMMARY: This document provides implementation guidance on section 1221 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107 (1998), which establishes the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program (TCSP). The TCSP provides funding for planning grants, implementation grants, and research to investigate and address the relationship between transportation and community and system preservation. The States, local governments, and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are eligible for discretionary grants to plan and implement strategies which improve the efficiency of the transportation system, reduce environmental impacts of transportation, reduce the need for costly future public infrastructure investments, ensure efficient access to jobs, services and centers of trade, and examine development patterns and identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns which achieve these goals.

Through the TCSP, the States, local governments, and MPOs will implement