

not issue an order finding that Edelweiss Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Edelweiss Air d/b/a Rio Grande Air is fit, willing, and able to conduct scheduled passenger operations as a commuter air carrier.

DATES: Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than December 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Objections and answers to objections should be filed with the Air Carrier Fitness Division, X-56, Room 6401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 and should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janet A. Davis, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9721.

Dated: December 8, 1998.

Patrick V. Murphy,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-4860]

Random Drug Testing Rate for Covered Crewmembers

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Announcement of minimum random drug testing rate.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has set the 1999 minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent of covered crewmembers. Based on an evaluation of the 1997 Management Information System (MIS) data collection forms submitted by marine employers, we determined that random drug testing on covered crewmembers for the calendar year 1997 resulted in positive test results 1.59 percent of the time. Based on this percentage, we will maintain the minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent of covered crewmembers for the calendar year 1999.

DATES: Effective January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Lieutenant Jennifer Williams, Project Manager, Office of Investigations and Analysis (G-MOA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-0686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Coast Guard regulations in Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 16.230 require marine employers to establish random drug testing programs for covered crewmembers on inspected and uninspected vessels. All marine employers are required to collect and maintain a record of drug testing program data for each calendar year, January 1 to December 31. Marine employers must submit this data to the Coast Guard in an annual MIS report (Form CG-5573 found in Appendix B of Part 16). Marine employers may either submit their own MIS report or have a consortium or other employer representative submit the data in a consolidated MIS report. The chemical drug testing data is essential to analyze our current approach for deterring and detecting illegal drug abuse in the maritime industry.

Since 1997 MIS data indicates that the positive random testing rate is greater than one percent industry-wide (1.59 percent), the Coast Guard announces in accordance with 46 CFR 16.230(e), that the minimum random drug testing rate is set at 50 percent of covered employees for the period of January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

MIS reports are due to the United States Coast Guard, Commandant (G-MOA), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20593-0001, not later than March 15 of each calendar year. Each year we will publish a notice reporting the results of the previous calendar year's MIS data, and the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing for the next calendar year.

Dated: December 7, 1998.

J.P. High,

Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-98-24]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

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 January 4, 1999.

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-CMTS@faa.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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Eichelberger (202) 267-7470 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267-7624, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

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Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 26048.

Petitioner: National Test Pilot School.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.319(a)(1) and (2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit National Test Pilot School to operate aircraft that have experimental certificates to train flight test students who are pilots and flight engineers through the demonstration and practice of flight test techniques and to teach those students flight test