

Section 6(c)(3)(B) of the Act⁸ provides, among other things, that a national securities exchange may examine and verify the qualifications of applicants who desire to become associated with a member and may require any person associated with a member to be registered with the exchange in accordance with established procedures. This section also provides that the exchange may bar a person from becoming a member if such person does not meet standards of training, experience, and competence as are prescribed by the rules of the exchange.

The Commission finds that the Series 25 Examination satisfies Section 6(c)(3)(B) because it provides the Exchange with a means to measure a Trading Assistant's ability and qualifications. The Exchange has the responsibility to ensure that its members and persons associated with members meet standards of training, experience, and competence. By requiring all current and potential Trading Assistants to pass the Series 25 Examination, the Exchange ensure that the Trading Assistants admitted to the Exchange's trading floor are duly trained and qualified to competently perform their duties and functions.

Moreover, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁹ which provides, among other things, that the rules of the Exchange be designed, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The proposed rule change ensures that the Trading Assistants admitted to the Exchange trading floor are qualified to effectively perform in their positions. By ensuring the qualifications and abilities of trading assistants, the Commission believes that the integrity of the Exchange is maintained, which should protect investors and the public interest.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁰ that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-98-36) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
[Declaration of Disaster #3151]

State of Florida

Palm Beach and Pasco Counties and the contiguous Counties of Broward, Hendry, Hernando, Hillsborough, Martin, Pinellas, Polk, and Sumter in the State of Florida constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred on January 2 and 3, 1999. Applications for loans for physical damages from this disaster may be filed until the close of business on March 15, 1999 and for economic injury until the close of business on October 12, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	6.750
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.375
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 315106 and for economic injury the number is 9A7200.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Aida Alvarez,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9A70]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts (and a Contiguous County in the State of New Hampshire)

Middlesex County and the contiguous counties of Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Worcester in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Hillsborough

County in the State of New Hampshire constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of a fire that occurred on January 2, 1999 at the Mill Village Shopping Center in Sudbury, Massachusetts. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on Oct. 12, 1999 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd, South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent.

The numbers assigned for economic injury for this disaster are 9A7000 for Massachusetts and 9A7100 for New Hampshire.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Dated: January 11, 1999.

Fred Hochberg,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #2956]

United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee—Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITAC-T) National Committee & Study Groups B & D; Notice of Meeting

The Department of State announces meetings of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee—Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITAC-T). The purpose of the Committee and its Study Groups is to advise the Department on policy and technical issues with respect to international telecommunication standardization. All meetings will be held at the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The ITAC-T National Committee will meet January 13, 1999. ITAC-T Study Group D will meet on January 14, 1999. ITAC-T Study Group B will meet January 27, 1999.

The National Committee will receive a debrief of the recently completed ITU Plenipotentiary Convention and begin preparations for the ITU Telecommunication Sector Advisory Group (TSAG) of the International Telecommunication Union in April 1999.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Study Group D will receive a debrief of the Plenipotentiary Convention and Study Group 16 meeting and make preparations for meeting and make preparations for meetings of ITU Study Group 8. Study Group B will receive a debrief of the Plenipotentiary Convention and make preparations for Study Groups 11 and 13.

Members of the general public may attend these meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to seating available. Entrance to the Department of State is controlled; people intending to attend the meeting should send a fax to (202) 647-5957 not later than 24 hours before the meeting. This fax should display the name of the meeting (ITAC T and date of meeting), your name, social security number, date of birth, and organization. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license, U.S. passport, U.S. Government identification card. Enter from the "C" Street Main Lobby; in view of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive not less than 15 minutes before the meeting begins.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

Marian R. Gordon,

Director, Information Telecommunication Standardization.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-99-30]

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 February 11, 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, DC 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, DC 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).

Issued in Washington, D.C., January 14, 1999.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 29350.

Petitioner: American Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.391(a).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To allow American to reduce the minimum required complement of flight attendants by one during boarding for the purposes of communicating with company personnel.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 29042.

Petitioner: Schwartz Engineering Company.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 21.183(f) and 25.2(b).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit type and

airworthiness certification of a Boeing Model 757-200 airplane with adjacent exits further than 60' apart.

Partial Grant, December 14, 1998, Exemption No. 6710A.

Docket No.: 26734.

Petitioner: Sierra Industries, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.9(a) and 91.531(a) (1) and (2).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit certain qualified pilots of its Cessna Citation Model 500 series airplanes equipped with supplemental type certificate to operate those aircraft without a pilot who is designated as second in command.

Grant, January 13, 1999, Exemption No. 5517E.

Docket No.: 29156.

Petitioner: Firelands Museum of Military History.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.319, 119.5(g), and 119.25(b).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit Firelands Museum of Military History to operate its former military UH-1H helicopters, which are certificated in the experimental category, for the purpose of carrying passengers on local flights for compensation or hire.

Partial Grant, January 13, 1999, Exemption No. 6792A.

Docket No.: 28807.

Petitioner: Yankee Air Force, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.315, 119.5(g), and 119.21(a).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit Yankee Air Force to operate its former military Boeing B-17G aircraft, which has a limited category airworthiness certificate, for the purpose of carrying passengers on local flights in return for receiving donations, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

Grant, January 11, 1999, Exemption No. 6631A.

Docket No.: 29342.

Petitioner: Airbus Industrie.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 61.77(a).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit pilots employed by Airbus to be eligible for special purpose pilot authorizations to ferry newly manufactured U.S.-registered aircraft from France and Germany to the United States for delivery to US Airways, Inc.

Grant, January 13, 1999, Exemption No. 6850.

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