

the Homepage of MERPAC, <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/merpac/merpac.htm>.) These measures are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. They are also available from Mr. Gould or Mr. Miante where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. If you submit written comments please include—

- Your name and address;
- The docket number for this Notice [USCG 2000-7693];
- The specific section of the performance measures to which each comment applies; and
- The reason for each comment.

You may mail, deliver, fax, or electronically submit your comments and related material to the Docket Management Facility, using an address or fax number listed in **ADDRESSES**. Please do not submit the same comment or material more than once. If you mail or deliver your comments and material, they must be on 8½-by-11-inch paper, and the quality of the copy should be clear enough for copying and scanning. If you mail your comments and material and would like to know whether the Docket Management Facility received them, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments and material received during the 60-day comment period.

Once we have considered all comments and related material, we will publish a final version of the national performance measures for use as guidelines by the general public. Individuals and institutions assessing the competence of mariners may refine the final version of these measures and develop innovative alternatives. If you vary from the final version of these measures, however, you must submit your alternative to the National Maritime Center for approval by the Coast Guard under 46 CFR 10.303(e) before you use it as part of an approved course or training program.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) No. 21.101-XX, Advisory Material for the Establishment of the Certification Basis of Changed Aeronautical Products**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and request for comments on a proposed advisory circular (AC) that provides guidance for establishing the certification basis for changed aeronautical products, including identifying the conditions under which it will be necessary to apply for a new type certificate. The FAA has issued a final rule, Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products that amends the procedural regulations for the certification of changes to type certification products. These amendments affect changes accomplished through either an amended type certificate or a supplemental type certificate. This proposed AC provides guidance for determining compliance with those amended procedural regulations for the certification of changes to transport category airplanes and restricted category airplanes that have been certified using transport category regulations.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed AC to: Certification Procedures Branch, AIR-110, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number: (202) 267-3777.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madeleine Miguel, Certification Procedures Branch, AIR-110, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number: (202) 267-3777, fax (202) 267-5340.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

A copy of the draft AC may be obtained by accessing the FAA's webpage at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/arm/nprm/nprm.htm>. Interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed AC, and to submit such written data,

views, or arguments as they desire. Commenters must identify AC 21-101-XX, Advisory Material for the Establishment of the Certification Basis of Changed Aeronautical Products, and submit comments to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the FAA before issuing the final AC.

### **Background**

#### *Final Rule*

The FAA amended and published in the **Federal Register** on June 7, 2000 (65 FR 36244) new procedural regulations, titled "Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products" for the certification of changes to type certification products. This final rule was in response to a trend in the aviation industry towards fewer aviation type certification products that are of completely new design and more products with multiple changes to previously approved designs. The final rule set mandatory compliance dates of December 10, 2001, for transport category airplanes and restricted category airplanes that have been certified using transport category standards, and December 9, 2002, for all other category aircraft and engines and propellers.

The amended procedural regulations require that the starting point for determining the certification basis for an amended or supplemental type certificate be the regulations in effect at the date of the application for the change, rather than those regulations incorporated by reference in the type certificate. Exceptions are provided to permit the applicant, under certain conditions, to comply with previous amendments to those regulations.

#### *Advisory Circular (AC)*

This AC provides guidance for the applicant to comply with the amended regulations for the certification of changes to transport category airplanes and restricted category airplanes that have been certified using transport category regulations. Further guidance material related to other aeronautical products will be introduced and published as changes to the AC before the mandatory compliance dates for the amended procedural regulations become effective for those products.

On May 2, 1997, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 24152) a notice of availability and request for comments for a previous version of this proposed AC. The FAA determined that a new proposed AC is warranted due to the introduction of substantial changes,

particularly to Appendix 2 of the AC. Appendix 2 of the 1997 proposed AC contained a "safety benefit-resource evaluation guide," recommended by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC), as a means of compliance to the proposed rulemaking § 21.101(b)(3), Determining Whether Compliance Would Not Materially Contribute to the level of Safety of the Changed Product or Would Be Impractical. The FAA declined to include this safety benefit-resource evaluation guide in this new proposed AC. Instead, the FAA has included "Procedure for Evaluating Impracticality of Applying Latest Regulations to a Changed Product," as guidance material that can be used for evaluating the safety benefit and resource impact of implementing the latest airworthiness requirements in the certification basis of a changed product. This procedure is more generic in nature. It describes the steps and necessary inputs that any applicant can use on any project to develop a position or argument to show that compliance with a regulation in effect at the date of the application for the change would be impractical.

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**James C. Jones,**

*Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Shorten Application Deadline for Appointment of Members to Aircraft Repair and Maintenance Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intent of the FAA to reduce the application period from 60 days to 30 days for those persons interested in appointment to the FAA Aircraft Repair and Maintenance Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Requests for appointment as a member of the committee must be submitted on or before September 5, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Russell S. Unangst, Jr., Federal Aviation Administration (AFS-300), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; phone (202) 267-8844; fax (202) 267-5115; e-mail [russell.unangst@faa.gov](mailto:russell.unangst@faa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On July 27, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, 65FR46192, announcing the FAA's intent to establish an Aircraft Repair and Maintenance Advisory Committee. The advisory committee was mandated by the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, Public Law 106-81, section 734. The committee will review issues related to the use and oversight of aircraft and aviation component repair and maintenance facilities located within, our outside of, the United States. The original deadline for submission of applications was September 25, 2000. However, the FAA has determined that 60 days is too long an application period considering the compelling need for the work of the committee. Accordingly, the FAA finds that it is necessary to shorten the timeframe for submission of applications.

This notice informs the public that the FAA will reduce the application period from 60 days to 30 days. Accordingly, requests for appointment should now be submitted on or before September 5, 2000.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 14, 2000.

**Angela B. Elgee,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Approvals and Disapprovals

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Monthly Notice of PFC Approvals and Disapprovals. In July 2000, there were nine applications approved. This notice also includes information on one application, approved in June 2000, inadvertently left off the June 2000 notice. Additionally, nine approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals and disapprovals under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of

the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). This notice is published pursuant to paragraph (d) of § 158.29.

#### PFC Applications Approved

**Public Agency:** Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Application Number:** 00-07-C-00-BNA.

**Application Type:** Impose and use a PFC.

**PFC Level:** \$3.00.

**Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision:** \$2,094,000.

**Earliest Charge Effective Date:** January 1, 2002.

**Estimated Charge Expiration Date:** April 1, 2002.

**Class of Air Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC's:** Part 135 air taxis.

**Determination:** Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the approved class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Nashville International Airport.

**Brief Description of Project Approved for Collection and Use:** Air cargo ramp.

**Decision Date:** June 30, 2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia K. Wills, Memphis Airports District Office, (901) 544-3495, ext. 16.

**Public Agency:** City of Greenville, Mississippi.

**Application Number:** 00-02-C-00-GLH

**Application Type:** Impose and use a PFC.

**PFC Level:** \$3.00.

**Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision:** \$82,292.

**Earliest Charge Effective Date:** August 1, 2000.

**Estimated Charge Expiration Date:** February 1, 2003.

**Class of Air Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC's:** Air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

**Determination:** Approved. Based on information contained in the public agency's application, the FAA has determined that the approved class accounts for less than 1 percent of the total annual enplanements at Mid Delta Regional Airport.

**Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:**

Acquire airfield sweeper.

Conduct airport master plan study, phase 1.

Design refurbishment of the airport access road.

Purchase 4-Kilowatt constant voltage regulator.

Conduct airport master plan, phase 2. Rehabilitation of airport access road.