

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Delegation of Authority No. 236-3]****Delegation by the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs of Certain Functions to the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs or in the Absence Thereof, to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Resources; Title Correction**

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: This delegation was published on page 53795 of the **Federal Register** for Tuesday, September 5, 2000. A correction was made to the text of this delegation before it was published in the **Federal Register** but its title was not changed to reflect this correction. The corrected title of this delegation is Delegation by the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs of Certain Functions to the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Dated: September 22, 2000.

Timothy Egert,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Transport Airplanes and Engine Issues—New Tasks**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment(s) for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: Notice is given of new tasks assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorenda Baker, 601 Lind Ave., Renton, Washington 98055-4056, 425-227-2109, dorenda.baker@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the

Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitment to harmonize Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) with its partners in Europe and Canada.

The Tasks

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendation on the following harmonization tasks:

Task 1

Ground Loads: Review 14 CFR part 25, specifically § 25.471, Ground Loads: General, (through § 25.519), for adequacy for both conventional and unconventional gear configurations as well as for unusually heavy airplanes. This should include the review and implementation of existing special conditions for center gear configurations. Review the distribution of loads between the gear during the landing event as well as the distribution and magnitude of loads during ground handling events such as pivoting, turning, and braking.

Schedule: As a result of this review, develop a report recommending revisions to rules (including cost estimates) and advisory material as deemed necessary. The report and advisory material shall be submitted to the FAA within 18 months after the date of this notice.

Task 2

Towing Loads: Review of § 25.509, Towing loads, for adequacy for conventional airplanes as well as unusually heavy airplanes, and establish adequate limit design towing loads for all transport category airplanes taking into account all recognized means of towing, including towbarless towing vehicles.

Schedule: As a result of this review, develop a report recommending revisions to the rules (including cost estimates) and advisory material as deemed appropriate. The report and advisory material shall be submitted to the FAA within 24 months after the date of this notice.

Task 3

Landing Descent Velocity Measurement: Review the results of recent and ongoing landing descent velocity measurements and make recommendations in regard to the adequacy of the existing limit descent velocity requirements in § 25.473,

Landing load conditions and assumptions, for conventional as well as usually heavy airplanes.

Schedule: As a result of this review, develop a report recommending revisions to the rules (including cost estimates) and advisory material as deemed necessary. The report and advisory material shall be submitted to the FAA within 24 months after the notice of the task is published.

If notices of proposed rulemaking and notices of proposed advisory circulars are published for public comment as a result of the recommendations in these reports, ARAC may be further asked to review all comments received, and provide the FAA with a recommendation for disposition of public comments for each project.

ARAC Acceptance of Tasks

ARAC has accepted the tasks and has chosen to assign the tasks to the Loads and Dynamics Harmonization Working Group of the ARAC Transport Airplanes and Engine Issues Group. The working group will serve as staff to ARAC to assist in the analysis of the assigned tasks. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the FAA as ARAC recommendations.

Working Group Activity

The Loads and Dynamics Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the tasks, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to Transport Airplane and Engines held following publication of this notice.

2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendation, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.

3. For each task, draft appropriate documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and/or any other related guidance material or collateral documents the working group determines to be appropriate, or, if new or revised requirements or compliance methods are not recommended, a draft report stating the rationale for not making such recommendations.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider Transport Airplane and Engine issues.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public

interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Loads and Dynamics Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise and selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 21, 2000.

Anthony F. Fazio,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Atlantic City International Airport, NJ

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare and consider an environmental impact statement and to conduct agency and public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared and considered for proposed improvements at Atlantic City International Airport, New Jersey. In addition, to ensure that all major project-related issues are identified, agency scoping and public scoping meetings will be held. The New Jersey Pinelands Commission will be a cooperating agency on the EIS.

Scoping meetings will be held to determine the scope of the EIS and to identify the major project-related issues to be addressed and emphasized in the EIS. The FAA hereby invites the participation of Federal, State and local agencies, any affected Indian tribe, the proponent of the action, and any other interested parties.

Two scoping meetings are planned: The first is an agency scoping meeting intended for organizations having jurisdiction by law or specific expertise with respect to any environmental impacts associated with the action; the second is a public meeting intended for other interested parties (including those who may not be in accord with the action on environmental grounds). However, both are open to the public.

The FAA further invites agencies, organizations, and the general public to provide written comments relative to the action and the issues to be addressed in the EIS. Scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the commentator believes the EIS should address.

DATES: The scoping meetings are scheduled for Wednesday November 1st, 2000. The agency scoping meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. and the public scoping meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Building Court Room, 3515 Bargantown Road, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234. Written comments will be accepted through November 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to be included on a mailing list of persons interested in the EIS should be sent to Daisy Mather, Federal Aviation Administration Eastern Region, Airports Division, AEA-610, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, New York 11434.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daisy Mather, Federal Aviation Administration Eastern Region, Airports Division, AEA-610, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, New York 11434; telephone (718) 553-2511; e-mail: daisy.mather@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) has completed a master plan update and an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed future development projects at Atlantic City International Airport. Because the potential for significant environmental impacts was determined during the EA process, the EA was not approved and the FAA determined that preparation of an EIS was necessary.

The proposed airport development actions involve numerous airside and landside improvements to be developed over several years, such that some projects will be implemented upon completion of the EIS, while others will be implemented as demand necessitates. Major airside projects identified for analysis include, but are not limited to, the following: Runway and taxiway extension, taxiway relocation, high-speed taxiway exits, runway and taxiway pavement rehabilitation, airfield lighting electrical improvements, a deicing facility, and a Category II Instrument Landing System (CAT II ILS).

Major landside projects identified for analysis include, but are not limited to, the following: Passenger terminal and terminal apron expansion, a multi-level

parking garage, surface parking improvements, a new access roadway, a rent-a-car service center, a hotel/conference facility, general aviation hangars with apron, a snow-removal equipment storage building, and an aircraft cargo/maintenance complex.

The airport is located in the Pinelands National Reserve, an internationally important ecological region that is 1.1 million acres in size and occupies 22 percent of New Jersey's land area. The environmental issues of concern for evaluation in the EIS are anticipated to be very similar to those evaluated in the EA process, including water quality, threatened and endangered species, biotic communities, wetlands, air quality, secondary impacts and cumulative impacts. Other issues that will be addressed in the EIS include potential impacts to flood plains, noise, cultural resources, utilities, hazardous materials, and environmental justice.

With regard to project alternatives, the EIS will include an analysis of a variety of alternatives considered during project planning. In addition to the proposed action and the no action alternatives, the analysis will include individual project site locations, mitigation alternatives, and other alternatives that may arise from the scoping process.

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Robert B. Mendez,

Manager, Airports Division, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, WI and To Use the Revenue at General Mitchell International Airport and Lawrence J. Timmerman, Milwaukee, WI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose a PFC at General Mitchell International Airport and to use the revenue at General Mitchell International Airport and Lawrence J. Timmerman 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