

harnesses. Acceptable harnesses for minor change installations include:

- Harnesses that meet TSO-C114 or Military Specification (MIL-SPEC) requirements,
- Harnesses that have been produced under a Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA), or
- Other harnesses appropriate to the certification basis of the aircraft.

We have studied the circumstances and legality of shoulder harness installations done by minor change. An airplane owner may wish to install shoulder harnesses, but an STC or prior Field Approval is not available for his airplane. In this case, it is not likely that an individual airplane owner would apply for an STC or a Field Approval. This is because of the costs involved in hiring an engineering consultant to perform the structural test and any associated structural analysis. Also, there is a possibility that the airframe may be damaged during the pull test. In such installations, a pull test would not be done and there is no assurance that the installation will provide occupant protection to the ultimate inertia force requirements (particularly the 9.0-g forward force) of § 23.561 or CAR 3.386.

Concerning the legality of shoulder harness installation by minor change, we conclude: Since CAR 3.386 and § 23.561(b)(1) before Amendment 23-36 (which became effective September 14, 1988) state that "proper use is made of belts or harnesses provided in the design," the previously approved seat belt installation *alone* must meet the prescribed ultimate inertia forces.

Civil Air Regulation 3.652, Functional and installational requirements, states: "Each item of equipment which is essential to the safe operation of the airplane shall be found by the Administrator to perform adequately the functions for which it is to be used, shall function properly when installed, and shall be adequately labeled as to its identification, function, operational limitations, or any combination of these, whichever is applicable."

Before Amendment 23-20 (which became effective September 1, 1977), § 23.1301 contained essentially the same requirement as CAR 3.652. Amendment 23-20 deleted the words "essential to safe operation" and made the provisions of § 23.1301 applicable to "each item of installed equipment."

Regarding these rules we conclude that if a shoulder harness is not required equipment, it is not essential to the safe

operation of the airplane. Therefore, CAR 3.652 and § 23.1301, before Amendment 23-20, should not be used as a basis to prohibit shoulder harness installation by minor change. These rules should be applied to shoulder harness installations made by STC and Field Approval.

The mechanic making such installations should consult AC 43.13-2A, Chapter 9, for information on restraint systems, effective restraint angles, attachment methods, and other details of installation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Open Meeting of the Community Development Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the next meeting of the Community Development Advisory Board, which provides advice to the Director of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

**DATES:** The next meeting of the Community Development Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2000 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Community Development Advisory Board meeting will be held at the Treasury Executive Institute, 1255 22nd Street, NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the "Fund"), U.S. Department of Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC, 20005, (202) 622-8662 (this is not a toll free number). Other information regarding the Fund and its programs may be obtained through the Fund's website at <http://www.treas.gov/cdfi>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 104(d) of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act

of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4703(d)) established the Community Development Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board"). The charter for the Advisory Board has been filed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The function of the Advisory Board is to advise the Director of the Fund (who has been delegated the authority to administer the Fund) on the policies regarding the activities of the Fund. The Fund is a wholly owned corporation within the Department of the Treasury. The Advisory Board shall not advise the Fund on the granting or denial of any particular application for monetary or non-monetary awards. The Advisory Board shall meet at least annually.

It has been determined that this document is not a major rule as defined in Executive Order 12291 and therefore regulatory impact analysis is not required. In addition, this document does not constitute a rule subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

The next meeting of the Advisory Board, all of which will be open to the public, will be held at the Treasury Executive Institute, located at 1255 22nd Street, NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC, on Thursday, October 19, 2000 at 10 a.m. The room will accommodate 30 members of the public. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Participation in the discussions at the meeting will be limited to Advisory Board members and Department of the Treasury staff. Anyone who would like to have the Advisory Board consider a written statement must submit it to the Fund, at the address of the Fund specified above in the For Further Information, Contact section, by 4 p.m., Monday, October 16, 2000.

The meeting will include a report from the Director on the activities of the CDFI Fund since the last Advisory Board meeting, including programmatic, fiscal and legislative initiatives for the years 2000 and 2001.

**Authority:** 12 U.S.C. 4703; Chapter X, Pub. L. 104-19, 109 Stat. 237.

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