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The second proposed change pertains to the solicitation of public comments through **Federal Register** publication. The current guidelines provide that upon receipt of an application for recertification as an alternative advisory group, we will solicit comments from the public by publishing a notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register**. After a 45 day comment period, we will review the application and all comments received within the comment period and make a determination. The public will then be notified of the decision by **Federal Register** publication.

We now propose to solicit public comments every three years by publishing a notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register**. We believe that the public will benefit from a triennial public comment period. The majority of recent comments have expressed general agreement that the advisory groups have fulfilled their role as mandated by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Therefore, interested individuals and groups will be able to engage in a more substantial and meaningful dialogue if the comment period is opened triennially rather than annually. This streamlining provision would also reduce the administrative burden to both the government and the public.

This notice proposes to change the procedure for certification only during the 2 intervening years. First, a previously-certified advisory group will not have to re-submit a full application for recertification every year. Instead, an advisory group certified in the triennial certification year will, in the intervening 2 years, only have to submit updates or changes from the previous year's application. Second, we will only solicit comments from the public during the triennial certification year. We propose that this procedure commences with the 2001 certification season, meaning that applicants seeking recertification in 2001 need only submit the streamlined application and that we will not solicit public comments prior to recertification during 2001. The triennial review process will take place in 2003. However, we will continue to recertify advisory groups annually. We will continue to use our established criteria to evaluate an advisory group's application for recertification. Finally, we will continue to advise the public of any recertification granted each year, by **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: December 21, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Proposed Advisory Circular 20-27E, Certification and Operation of Amateur-Built Aircraft

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 20-27E, Certification and Operation of Amateur-Built Aircraft for review and comment. The proposal Advisory Circular 20-27E provides information and guidance concerning an acceptable means, but not the only means, of demonstrating compliance with the requirements of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, part 21, Certification Procedures for Products and Parts, regarding Certification and Operation of Amateur-Built Aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments submitted must identify the proposed AC 20-27E and be received by February 22, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed AC 20-27E can be obtained from and comments may be returned to the following: Federal Aviation Administration, Production and Airworthiness Division, AIR-200, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rodney Watson, Airworthiness Certification Branch, AIR-210, Production and Airworthiness Division, Room 815, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, (202) 267-8361.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The proposed AC 20-27E provides information and guidance on the fabrication and assembly, airworthiness certification, and operation of amateur-built aircraft of all types; explains the amount of fabrication and assembly the builder must accomplish for the aircraft to be eligible for amateur-built certification; and describes the role of the FAA in the certification process.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC 20-27E listed in this notice by submitting such

written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the aforementioned specified address. All comments received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director, Aircraft Certification Service, before issuing the final AC.

Comments received on the proposed AC 20-27E may be examined before and after the comment closing date in Room 815, FAA headquarters building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Request Approval From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a New Public Collection of Information for Data Collection To Be Used for the Update of Two Advisory Circulars

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FAA invites public comment on a new public information collection which will be submitted to OMB for approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to FAA, at the following address: Ms. Judith Street, Room 613, Federal Aviation Administration, Standards and Information Division, APF-100, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judith Street, at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA solicits comments on the following new collection of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of collection. The following is a synopsis of the information collection activity which will be submitted to OMB for review and approval:

The FAA published Advisory Circulars (AC) 36-1G, Noise Levels for U.S. Certificated and Foreign Aircraft," and 36-3G, Estimated Airplane Noise Levels in A-Weighted Decibels in August 1997 and April 1996 respectively. AC 36-1G contains a list of the aircraft noise certification levels. As this AC represents the only publicly available compilation of certificated aircraft noise levels, AC 36-1G is widely used within the aviation industry for various purposes, including determination of compliance with local airport noise restrictions and for various aircraft noise related studies. AC 36-3G contains a list of estimated airplane noise levels in units of a-weighted sound level in decibels (dBA). The users of AC 36-3G include several airport authorities, e.g., Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, the utilize the noise level information in AC 36-3G to determine compliance with local airport noise restrictions.

The FAA proposes to collect current data from aircraft manufacturer's (or modifiers) to update the two AC's. The following will be the method used. First, a draft revision to AC 36-1G and AC 36-3G containing information that resides within the FAA will be produced. The draft AC's will then be sent to each aircraft manufacturer and modifier advising them that the Advisory Circulars are being updated and asking them to (1) review the draft AC's for consistency with the aircraft manufacturer's (or modifier's) records, and (2) provide any additions or corrections to the information in the draft AC's.

If the collection were not conducted, the revised Advisory Circulars would be published using only the noise level information that the FAA has on hand. This would leave the possibility that a manufacturer(s) may find inconsistencies (including additional aircraft not in the revised AC's) between its data and the published revisions to AC 36-1G and AC 36-3G.

The respondents and burden estimate are as follows: We estimate 50 respondents including U.S. and non-U.S. aircraft manufacturers/modifiers. Out of the 50, 5 respondents will take approximately 40 hours each to provide the information. The remaining 45 respondents will take approximately 15 hours. The difference in burden is due to the different number of airplane models manufactured by the various respondents. Our estimated total burden is 875 hours.

It is also noted that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a

currently valid OMB control number. When assigned by OMB, the respondents will be notified of the control number.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Request Renewal From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of Four Current Public Collections of Information

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FAA invites public comment on four currently approved public information collections which will be submitted to OMB for renewal.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Judy Street, Room 613, Federal Aviation Administration, Standards and Information Division, APF-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judy Street at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA solicits comments on the following four current collections of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of the collection. Following are short synopses of the information collection activities which will be submitted to OMB for review and renewal:

1. 2120-0075, Airport Security—14 CFR part 107. 14 CFR part 107, Airport Security, implements the provisions of the Public Law 103-272 and the Aviation Security Improvement Act that relate to security of persons and property at airports operating in commercial air transportation. Airport security programs, training records, screenings, bomb threats, and arrest reports are needed to ensure protection

of persons and property in air transportation against acts of criminal violence to ensure passenger screening procedures are effective and that information is available to comply with congressional reporting requirements. Currently, we estimate 465 respondents with a burden of approximately 75,500 hours annually.

2. 2120-0085, Certifications and Operations: 14 CFR part 125. Part A of Subtitle VII of the Revised Title 49 USC authorizes the issuance of regulations governing the use of navigable airspace. 14 CFR 125 will prescribe requirements for leased aircraft, Aviation Service Firms and Air Travel Clubs. Information collected shows compliance and the applicant's eligibility. The current number of respondents is 57 part 125 operators. The current burden is 29,445 hours annually.

3. 2120-0568, Federal Aviation Administration, Flight standards Customer Satisfaction Survey. The Flight Standards Service wishes to continue to survey customers in keeping with its strategic initiative to improve the quality of its service by anticipating customers needs and responding to the public interest. The FAA Flight Standards Offices proposes to continue with follow-up surveys based on information provided in the first phases of the surveys. In the past surveys, the respondents have been an estimated 63,700 Flight Standards customers from the categories of air operators, air agencies and airmen, resulting in a burden of 12,740 hours.

4. 2120-0623, Office of Rulemaking Request for Evaluation of Customer Standards Survey. The FAA Office of Rulemaking proposes to survey exemption customers on customer standards that were developed and published. The data collected will be analyzed by the Office of Rulemaking (ARM) to determine the quality of services provided by ARM to its exemption customers, and make any changes or improvements to the exemption process. In the past survey, the number surveyed was 325 for an estimated burden on 81 hours.

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