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Dated: February 12, 2001.

W. Kendall Myers,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, U.S. Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Services for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC-13)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Services will hold a meeting on February 27, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting will be opened to the public from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and closed to the public from 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2001, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce, Conference Room 6057, located at 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Holderman (202) 482-0345, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (principal contact), or myself on (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the opened portion of the meeting the following topics will be discussed:

- Services Contribution to the United States Economy
- Services Statistics

Christina Sevilla,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement Number ANM-01-01]

FAA Policy on Use of the "Aircraft Materials Fire Test Handbook"

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of policy statement; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an FAA policy applicable to the use of Report DOT/FAA/AR-00/42, "Aircraft Materials Fire Test Handbook." This notice advises the public that the FAA considers the material flammability tests described in the latest version of that document to be the preferred acceptable test methods for showing compliance with the relevant regulations. This notice is necessary to advise the public of FAA policy and give all interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the policy statement.

DATES: Send all comments on this policy statement on or before March 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on this policy statement to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Gardlin, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Airframe/Cabin Safety Branch, ANM-115, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2136; fax (425) 227-1320; e-mail: jeff.gardlin@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

You may comment on this policy statement by sending any written data, views, or arguments as you may desire. You should identify the Policy Statement Number ANM-01-01 on your comments, and submit your comments, in duplicate, to the address indicated above. The Transport Airplane Directorate (Transport Standards Staff) will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments.

Discussion

The Original Version of the Handbook

In September 1990, the FAA published Report DOT/FAA/CT-99/15, "Aircraft Materials Fire Test Handbook" (referred to throughout this notice as "the Handbook"). The Boeing Company, with the assistance of the former McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company,

developed the Handbook under contract to the FAA.

The 1990 version of the Handbook consisted of chapters outlining in detail the various material flammability tests that Boeing and McDonnell Douglas had used to show compliance with the FAA material flammability regulations. Those specific regulations in Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 25, are:

§ 25.853 ("Compartment interiors"),
§ 25.855 ("Cargo and baggage compartments"),

§ 25.857 ("Cargo compartment classification"),

§ 25.858 ("Cargo compartment fire detection systems"), and

§ 25.869 ("Fire protection: systems").

At the time of its original publication, the Handbook contained test methods that represented acceptable, but not necessarily the only, methods to show compliance with those regulations. In addition, the Handbook contained other chapters with general information on flammability testing of aircraft material, such as where in the regulations to find requirements, the location of international contacts, and a list of various fire test laboratories.

Modifications to Test Methods in the Handbook

Since the original publication of the Handbook, the FAA has relied on the International Aircraft Materials Fire Test Working Group (IAMFTWG) to review the test methods and advise on areas needing possible revision. The IAMFTWG consists of experts in the materials and fire testing specialties who help refine and support the development of test methods used in aviation. The members of the IAMFTWG include representatives from the airlines, airframe manufacturers, material suppliers, and regulatory authorities, among others. A representative from the FAA's Technical Center chairs this group. The IAMFTWG is a participative technical peer group that contributes to FAA research, but its activities are not regulatory in nature.

Before any modifications to the test methods described in the Handbook have been incorporated, the IAMFTWG has provided data supporting such modifications, and the FAA has reviewed and accepted the data. In addition, the FAA's Transport Airplane Directorate (Transport Standards Staff) has determined whether the modified test methods complied with the applicable regulations.

The following is an example of why and how this procedure has been used in the past to modify and improve test methods.