

DATES: The meeting will be held June 5–7, 2001 starting at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the RTCA Conference Room, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 165 meeting. The agenda will include:

- June 5, 6, 7:
 - Opening Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Approve Summary of Previous Meeting, Chairman's Remarks)
 - Review of SC–165 Working Group Activities
 - Working Group 1 (AMS(R)S Avionics Equipment Minimum Operational Performance Standard (MOPS))
 - Working Group 3 (AMS(R)S MASPS)
 - Complete Final Review and Comment (FRAC) Process for *Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for the Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite (R) Service (ASM(R)S) as Used in Aeronautical Data Links*
 - Brief Overview of Related Activities
 - AEEC 741 and 761 Characteristics
 - ERUOCAE WG–55
 - AMS(R)S Spectrum Issues
 - ICAO Aeronautical Mobile Communications Panel
 - Industry, Users, Government
 - Closing Session (Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 197: Rechargeable and Starting Batteries

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 197 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 197: Rechargeable and Starting Batteries.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 22–24, 2001 starting at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22nd, and at 8 a.m. the following days.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Government Conference Centre, Rideau Street, Ottawa, Canada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>. (2) *On-site Point of Contact:* Jim Deviller, Ottawa, Canada; telephone (613) 993–0696.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 197 meeting. Note: SC–197 will be meeting with TC21 Working Group 4 of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). The agenda will include:

- May 22, 23, 24:
 - Opening Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review of Agenda, Review Summary of Previous Meeting)
 - Review Action Items and Status
 - Review and Discuss RTCA activity and relationship with IEC
 - Discuss draft documents, intended use and implementation
 - Closing Session (Other Business, Establish Agenda for Next Meeting, Date and Place of Next Meeting)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 181/ EUROCAE Working Group 13: Standards of Navigation Performance

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 181/EUROCAE Working Group 13 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 181/EUROCAE Working Group 13: Standards of Navigation Performance.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 21–25, 2001 starting at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., Colson Board Room and Rohde & Schwartz Room, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833–9339; fax (202) 833–9434; web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 181/EUROCAE Working Group 13 meet. *Note: Working Groups 1 and 4 will meet separately each day of the meeting.* The agenda will include:

- May 22:
 - Opening Session (Chairman Remarks, Working Group Reports, Plenary Review)
- May 24:
 - Closing Session (Plenary Review, New Business, Future Meeting Schedule, Adjourn)

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement Number ANM-01-03]

Factors To Consider When Reviewing an Applicant's Proposed Human Factors Methods of Compliance for Flight Deck Certification

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of policy statement; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a proposed FAA general statement of policy that is applicable to the type certification process of transport category airplanes. This policy statement provides guidance to FAA Certification Teams that will enable them to conduct an effective review of an applicant's proposed methods of compliance identified in a Human Factors Certification Plan, or the human factors components of a general Certification Plan, if one is submitted as part of a type certification certificate (TC), supplemental type certification certificate (STC), or amended type certificate (ATC) application. This policy also is applicable in cases where an applicant chooses to identify methods of compliance in other types of documents, such as a letter containing the description of changes to production configurations. This guidance describes a process to promote early discussion and agreement between the FAA and the applicant regarding the methods by which the applicant may demonstrate compliance with human factors-related regulations during certification projects. This notice is to advise the public of FAA policy and give all interested persons an opportunity to review and comment on the policy statement.

DATES: Send your comments by June 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Boyd, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airplane & Flightcrew Interface Branch, ANM-111, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed general statement of policy. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement ANM-01-03."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed general statement of policy.
- Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting.

We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposals contained in this notice because of the comments received.

Effect of General Statement of Policy

The FAA is presenting this information as a set of guidelines suitable for use by certain applicants for a type certificate (TC), supplemental type certificate (STC), or amended type certificate (ATC). However, the general policy stated in this document is not intended to establish a binding norm; it does not constitute a new regulation, and the FAA would neither apply nor rely on it as a regulation. The FAA Aircraft Certification Offices (ACO) that certify transport category airplanes and/or the flight deck systems installed on them should attempt to follow this policy, when appropriate. However, in determining compliance with certification standards, each FAA office has the discretion not to apply these guidelines where it determines that they are inappropriate. Applicants should expect that the certifying officials will consider this information when making findings of compliance relevant to new certificate actions.

As with all advisory material, this general statement of policy identifies one means, but not the only means, of compliance.

Background

Recent aviation safety reports underscore the importance of addressing issues related to human performance and flightcrew error in system design and certification.

Applicants have demonstrated the effectiveness of using a "Human Factors Certification Plan," or any other certification plan which identifies human factors issues and considerations, to communicate to the FAA their proposed approach to identifying and resolving human performance issues. The FAA previously issued Policy Statement No. ANM-99-2, entitled "Guidance for Reviewing Certification Plans to Address Human Factors for Certification of Transport Airplane Flight Decks" (64 FR 54399, October 6, 1999; and 65 FR 19958, April 13, 2000). That policy statement provides guidance on the recommended content of a Human Factors Certification Plan. A Human Factors Certification Plan is not a required document, but may be included as part of a certification project if an applicant so chooses. Policy Statement No. ANM-99-2 recommended that the plan include a list of the "Methods of Compliance (MOC)" that the applicant proposes to use to show compliance with each applicable regulation.

The guidance contained in this new policy statement provides further recommendations regarding the review of the applicant's proposed MOCs. These recommendations can be used as a means by which the applicant and the FAA can establish an early and formal written agreement on the methods of compliance for regulations that relate to human factors and that are applicable to the certification project. This will help FAA Certification Teams address the MOCs as early in the certification process as possible, thus decreasing the applicant's certification cost and schedule risk.

This new policy statement is one portion of an overall FAA strategy for developing policies related to human factors in the certification of flight decks on transport category airplanes. Policy development will cover the following areas related to showing compliance with regulatory requirements associated with human factors:

1. *Information on the recommended content of certification plans.* (The FAA previously published this information as Policy Statement No. ANM-99-2). This policy is intended to improve the timeliness and effectiveness of communication between the applicant and the FAA concerning the requirements related to human factors.

2. *Information on how to determine the adequacy of an applicant's proposed methods of compliance.* (This is the information provided in this policy statement.) This policy provides further information on the methods of