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3. Draft the appropriate documents and required analyses and/or any other related materials or documents.
4. Provide a status report at each meeting of the ARAC held to consider general aviation certification and operations issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Stall Characteristics Harmonization Working Group will be composed of technical experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative or a member of the full committee.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. All requests to participate must be received no later than June 29, 2001. The requests will be reviewed by the co-assistant chairs, the co-assistant executive directors, and the working group co-chairs. Individuals will be advised whether or not their request can be accommodated.

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being negotiated is presented to ARAC for approval.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the co-assistant chairs, the co-assistant executive directors, and the working group co-chairs.

The Secretary of Transportation determined that the formation and use of the ARAC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of the ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Stall Characteristics Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. The FAA will make no public announcement of working group meetings.

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Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; General Aviation Certification and Operations Issues—New Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

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

SUMMARY: The FAA assigned the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee a new task to evaluate changing the requirements in Section 23.177 for demonstrating positive dihedral effect in all land gear and flap positions. This notice is to inform the public of this ARAC activity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Dahl, Federal Aviation Administration, Central Region Headquarters, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106, (816) 329-4110. mike.dahl@faa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA established the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator on the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes

obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitments to harmonize Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) with its partners in Europe and Canada.

The Task

1. Review § 23.177 and JAR 23 and recommend harmonized changes to § 23.177 for demonstrating positive dihedral effect in all landing gear and flap positions. (Extending the flaps often decreases the dihedral effect to zero. An aileron rudder interconnect is often installed to correct the problem when dihedral effect in the landing flap configuration is not wanted.)

2. Prepare a draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) incorporating the recommendations. The NPRM should include the preamble and rule language along with any supporting legal analysis.

Schedule: This task is to be accomplished no later than December 10, 2001.

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC accepted the task and assigned the task to the newly formed Static Directional and Lateral Stability Harmonization Working Group, General Aviation Certification and Operations Issues. The working group will serve as staff to ARAC and assist in the analysis of the assigned task. ARAC must review and approve the working group's recommendations. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it will forward them to the FAA. Recommendations that are received from ARAC will be submitted to the agency's Rulemaking Management Council to address the availability of resources and prioritization.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2000-8033]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review: OMB Control No. 2126-0010 (Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program)

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) described in this notice has been sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The FMCSA is requesting OMB's continued approval of the information that is required for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The Federal Register notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on this information collection was published on November 1, 2000 (65 FR 65372). We are required to send ICRs to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Please submit comments by July 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James D. McCauley, (202) 366-0133, Office of Safety Programs, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

ADDRESS: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attention:* DOT Desk Officer. We particularly request your comments on whether the collection of information is necessary for the FMCSA to meet its goal of reducing truck crashes, including whether the information is useful to this goal; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection

techniques or other forms of information technology. OMB wants to receive comments within 30 days of publication of this notice in order to act on the ICR quickly.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP).

OMB Approval Number: 2126-0010.

Background: Sections 401-404 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (STAA) established a program of financial assistance to States for the purpose of implementing programs to enforce (a) Federal rules, regulations, standards, and orders applicable to commercial motor vehicle safety; and (b) compatible State rules, regulations, standards, and orders. This grant-in-aid program is known as the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP). The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) added programs, such as drug interdiction, traffic enforcement, and size and weight activities to the core program established by the STAA.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) further revised the MCSAP by broadening its purpose beyond enforcement activities and programs by requiring participating States to assume greater responsibility for improving motor carrier safety. The TEA-21 required States to develop performance-based plans reflecting national priorities and performance goals, revised the MCSAP funding distribution formula, and created a new incentive funding program. As a result, States are given greater flexibility in designing programs to address national and State goals for reducing the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) accidents. The implementing regulations were published in a final rule in the March 21, 2000, **Federal Register** at 65 FR 15092.

In order to qualify for a grant, participating States must submit a Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP). After the grant is awarded, States must submit inspection data and quarterly reports explaining work activities and accomplishments. The FMCSA monitors and evaluates a State's progress under its approved CVSP. The agency also determines whether a change in the State's level of effort is required to meet the intended objectives of the CVSP. If a State fails to operate within the guidelines of the approved CVSP or does not remedy any identified deficiencies or incompatibilities in a timely manner, the FMCSA may cease participation in that State's CVSP. This information collection provides the