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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Determination Under the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative has determined that Saint Lucia and Barbados are making substantial progress toward implementing and following the customs procedures required by the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act and, therefore, imports of eligible products from Saint Lucia and Barbados qualify for the trade benefits provided under the Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Christopher Wilson, Director for Central America and the Caribbean, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-5190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (Title II of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-200) (CBTPA) amended the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) to provide preferential tariff treatment for imports of certain products of beneficiary Caribbean and Central American countries. The trade benefits provided by the CBTPA are available to imports of eligible products from countries that the President designates as "CBTPA beneficiary countries," provided that these countries have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, certain customs procedures that assist the Customs Service in verifying the origin of the products.

In Proclamation 7351 of October 2, 2000, the President designated all 24 current beneficiaries under the CBERA as "CBTPA beneficiary countries." Proclamation 7351 delegated to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) the authority to determine whether the designated CBTPA beneficiary countries have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the CBTPA. The President directed the USTR to announce any such determinations in the **Federal**

Register and to implement them through modifications of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

Based on information and commitments provided by the Governments of Saint Lucia and Barbados, I have determined that Saint Lucia and Barbados are making substantial progress toward implementing and following the customs procedures required by the CBTPA. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in the USTR by Proclamation 7351, general note 17(a) to the HTS, U.S. note 7(b) to subchapter II of chapter 98 of the HTS, and U.S. note 1 to subchapter XX of chapter 98 of the HTS are each modified by inserting in alphabetical sequence in the list of eligible CBTPA beneficiary countries the names "Barbados" and "Saint Lucia". The foregoing modifications to the HTS are effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the effective date of this notice.

Robert B. Zoellick,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Transport Airplane and Engine 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 develop recommendations updating methods to determine load intensities and flight loads validations. This notice is to inform the public of this ARAC activity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John McGraw, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region Headquarters, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington, 98055, (425) 227-2111, john.mcgraw@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

- Review § 25.301 and JAR 25.301 for adequacy in addressing the issue of validation of flight load intensities and distribution. This review should include the consideration of:

1. FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 25-14, "High Lift and Drag Devices;"

2. Relevant FAA issue papers and their implementation;

3. JAA Certification Review Items (CRI) addressing flight loads validation.

- Develop a report recommending any revision to the rules (including cost estimates) and any advisory materials needed to address the above issues.

Schedule: This task is to be accomplished no later than June 28, 2002.

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC accepted the task and assigned the task to the General Structures Harmonization Working Group, Transport Airplane and Engine Issues. The working group serves as staff to ARAC and assists in the analysis of assigned task. ARAC must review and approve the working groups recommendations. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it will forward them to the FAA.

Working Group Activity

The General Structures Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the next meeting of the ARAC on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues held following publication of this notice.

2. Give a detail conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.

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 transport airplanes and engine issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The General Structures Harmonization Working Group is