

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Office of the Secretary****Supplemental Information From U.S. Carriers Required To Monitor Industry Development and Recovery****AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request the extension of a previously approved collection.**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received June 17, 2002.**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be directed to the Assistant General Counsel For Regulation and Enforcement, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert C. Ashby, Deputy Assistant General Counsel For Regulation and Enforcement, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9306.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Supplemental Information from U.S. Carriers Required to Monitor Industry Development and Recovery.*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0544.*Type of Request:* Authority for the currently approved data collection expired on February 28, 2002. By this notice, the Department is requesting an extension until February 28, 2003.*Abstract:* As a consequence of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, the U.S. commercial aviation industry suffered severe financial losses. These losses placed the financial survival of many air carriers at risk. Acting rapidly to preserve the continued viability of the U.S. air transportation system, President Bush sought and Congress enacted the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act ("the Act"), Public Law 107-42.

In order to monitor developments in the recovery of the airline industry and to evaluate various options for financial and other assistance, we believe that supplemental ad hoc information submitted on a weekly basis by the airlines is critically necessary. This is because information and data currently routinely submitted by the airlines to the Department has substantial time lags.

The Department specifically requires copies (printed or electronic) of routine

reports already being prepared by the airlines which cover the following issues, or any other issue that the airlines believe would provide useful information: Financial Data (including year/year, week/week or similar relevant benchmarks) Operations Data (including year/year, week/week or similar relevant benchmarks) Traffic and Fare Data (including year/year, week/week or similar relevant benchmarks) Bookings &amp; Cancellations Data (including year/year, week/week or similar relevant benchmarks).

*Respondents:* U. S. air carriers.*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 70/185.*Estimated Total Burden on**Respondents:* 1050/1110.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of Information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information of respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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**BILLING CODE 4910-62-P****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Advisory Circular 23-XX-8B, Flight Test Guide for Certification of Part 23 Airplanes****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed advisory circular (AC) and request for comments.**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed AC. Proposed AC 23-XX-8B provides information and guidance concerning an acceptable means, but not the only means, of compliance with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 23, subpart B and various sections under

Subparts A, D, E, F and G from § 23.1 through 23.1589. The guidance applies to the flight tests and pilot judgements in normal, utility, acrobatic, and commuter category airplanes. The AC consolidates existing policy documents, and certain AC's that cover specific paragraphs of the regulations, into a single document. Material in the AC is neither mandatory nor regulatory in nature and does not constitute a regulation.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 17, 2002.**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Regulations and Policy (ACE-111), 901 Locust Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Pat Nininger, Standards Office, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, telephone (816) 329-4129, fax (816) 329-4090.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any person may obtain a copy of this proposed AC by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.A copy of the AC will also be available on the Internet at [http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/air\\_index.htm](http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/air_index.htm) within a few days.**Comments Invited**We invite interested parties to submit comments on the proposed AC. Commenters must identify AC 23-XX-8B and submit comments to the address specified above. The FAA will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments before issuing the final AC. The proposed AC and comments received may be inspected at the Standards Office (ACE-110), 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri, between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays by making an appointment in advance with the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.**Background**

AC 23-8, Flight Test Guide for Certification of Normal, Utility, and Acrobatic Category Airplanes replaced FAA Order 8110.7, Engineering Flight Test Guide for Small Airplanes, dated June 20, 1972, and consolidated existing flight test policy. AC 23-8 did not cover commuter category airplanes. AC 23-8A updated the original 23-8 by adding information and guidance for commuter airplanes. AC 23-XX-8B again updates