

undertaken. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until 60 days from the date that this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Attn: Jacqueline D. Robinson, U.S. Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions, State Annex 33, Room 218, Washington, DC 20008, who may be reached on (202) 895-3500.

Dated: March 7, 2002.

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*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG 2002-12032]

#### Guidelines for Assessing Merchant Mariners through Demonstrations of Proficiency in Medical First Aid

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces the availability of, and seeks public comments on, the national performance measures proposed here for use as guidelines when mariners demonstrate their proficiency in Medical First Aid. These measures were developed from recommendations and input provided by the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC).

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before June 24, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Please identify your comments and related material by the docket number of this notice [USCG 2002-12032]. Then, to make sure they enter the docket just once, submit them by just one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

In choosing among these means, please give due regard to the recent difficulties with delivery of mail by the U.S. Postal Service to Federal facilities.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this Notice. Comments and related material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this Notice, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The measures proposed here are also available from Mr. Mark Gould, Maritime Personnel Qualifications Division, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-0229, or e-mail address [mgould@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mgould@comdt.uscg.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this Notice or on the national performance measures proposed here, e-mail or call Mr. Gould where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### What Action Is the Coast Guard Taking?

Section A-VI/4-1 of the Code accompanying the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended in 1995, articulates qualifications for ensuring merchant mariners' attaining the minimum standard of competence through demonstrations of their proficiency in Medical First Aid. The Coast Guard tasked MERPAC with referring to the Section, modifying and specifying it as it deemed necessary, and recommending national performance measures. The Coast Guard has reviewed the measures recommended by MERPAC and has developed a final set that we are proposing here for use as guidelines for assessing that proficiency.

The guidelines are set up as follows: First we set forth the Competency within the STCW a mariner must demonstrate to meet the STCW section. Next we give a series of examples of Performance Conditions, a set of Performance Behaviors for each Performance Condition, and a set of Performance Standards for each Performance Behavior.

For example, if the Competency to demonstrate is: "Apply immediate first aid in the event of accident or illness on board," a Performance Condition for that Competency demonstrating knowledge, understanding, and proficiency is: In a graded practical exercise, given a simulated non-critical patient, \* \* \*

A Performance Behavior for that Condition is: \* \* \* the candidate will perform an initial assessment (primary survey).

A Performance Standard for that Behavior is: The candidate correctly assesses and treats, within 1 minute, life-threatening conditions, including: level of responsiveness; breathing; circulation; and severe bleeding.

If the mariner properly meets all of the Performance Standards, he or she passes the practical demonstration. If he or she fails to properly carry out any of the Standards, he or she fails it.

### Why is the Coast Guard Taking This Action?

The Coast Guard is taking this action to comply with STCW, as amended in 1995 and incorporated into domestic regulations at 46 CFR parts 10, 12, and 15 in 1997. Guidance from the International Maritime Organization on shipboard assessments of proficiency suggests that Parties develop standards and measures of performance for

practical tests as part of their programs for training and assessing seafarers.

### How May I Participate in This Action?

You may participate in this action by submitting comments and related material on the national performance measures proposed here. (Although the Coast Guard does not seek public comment on the measures recommended by MERPAC, as distinct from the measures proposed here, those measures are available on the Internet at the home page of MERPAC, <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/merpac/merpac.htm>). These measures are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, under this docket number [USCG 2002-12032]. They are also available from Mr. Gould where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. If you submit written comments please include—

- Your name and address;
- The docket number for this Notice [USCG 2002-12032];
- The specific section of the performance measures to which each comment applies; and
- The reason for each comment.

You may mail, deliver, fax, or electronically submit your comments and related material to the Docket Management Facility, using an address or fax number listed in **ADDRESSES**. Please do not submit the same comment or material more than once. If you mail or deliver your comments and material, they must be on 8½-by-11-inch paper, and the quality of the copy should be clear enough for copying and scanning. If you mail your comments and material and would like to know whether the Docket Management Facility received them, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments and material received during the 60-day comment period.

Once we have considered all comments and related material, we will publish a final version of the national performance measures for use as guidelines by the general public. Individuals and institutions assessing the competence of mariners may refine the final version of these measures and develop innovative alternatives. If you vary from the final version of these measures, however, you must submit your alternative to the National Maritime Center for approval by the Coast Guard under 46 CFR 10.303(e) before you use it as part of an approved course or training program.

Dated: April 2, 2002.

**Howard L. Hime,**

*Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2001-8994]

#### Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) No. 21.101-1 Change 1, Advisory Material for the Establishment of the Certification Basis of Changed Aeronautical Products

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and request for comments on Draft Advisory Circular (AC) 21.101-1 Change 1, dated April 3, 2002, Advisory Material for the Establishment of the Certification Basis of Changed Aeronautical Products. This AC provides guidance for establishing the certification basis for changes made to aeronautical products. The FAA has issued a final rule, Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products, that amends the procedural regulations for the certification of changes made to type certification of aeronautical products. These amendments affect changes accomplished through either an amended type certificate or a supplemental type certificate. This proposal AC provides guidance for determining compliance with those amended procedural regulations for the certification of all aircraft, aircraft engines, and propellers.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 5, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Address your comments to the Docket Management System. U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number at the beginning of your comments, and you should submit two copies of your comments.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing comments to these proposed AC in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office is on the plaza level at the Department of Transportation building at the address

above. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randall Petersen, Certification Procedures Branch, AIR-110, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number: (202) 267-9583, fax (202) 278-5340.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to participate in this action by submitting written data, views, or arguments. In your comments, identify AC 21-101-1 Change 1, Advisory Material for the Establishment of the Certification Basis of Changed Aeronautical Products, and the regulatory docket number specified previously. Submit them in duplicate to the DOT Rules Docket address specified above.

The FAA will consider all comments received on or before the closing date for comments before issuing the final AC. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comments closing date.

##### Availability of Rulemaking Documents

You can get an electronic copy of this document from the Internet by taking the following steps:

(1) Go to the search function of the Department of Transportation's electronic Docket Management System (DMS) web page (<http://dms.dot.gov/search>).

(2) On the search page, type in the last four digits of the docket number shown at the beginning of this document. Click on "search."

(3) On the next page, which contains the docket summary information, click on the item you want to see.

You can also get an electronic copy using the Internet through the FAA's web page at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/arm/nprm/htm> or the Federal Register's web page at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/aces/140.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces/140.html).

#### Background

##### Final Rule

On June 7, 2000, the Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products final rule (65 FR 36244, June 7, 2000) became effective. The FAA established a mandatory compliance date of December 10, 2001, for transport category airplanes and restricted category airplanes that have been certificated using transport category standards; and a date of December 9,