

The Department also certified that the fishing environments in 24 other countries and one economy, Hong Kong, do not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles protected under Section 609. Shrimp imports from any nation not certified were prohibited effective May 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 609.

Effective Date: On Publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
David Hogan, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818; telephone: (202) 647-2335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 prohibits imports of certain categories of shrimp unless the President certifies to the Congress not later than May 1 of each year either: (1) That the harvesting nation has adopted a program governing the incidental capture of sea turtles in its commercial shrimp fishery comparable to the program in effect in the United States and has an incidental take rate comparable to that of the United States; or (2) that the fishing environment in the harvesting nation does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles. The President has delegated the authority to make this certification to the Department of State. Revised State Department guidelines for making the required certifications were published in the Federal Register on July 8 1999 (Vol. 64, No. 130, page 36946, Public Notice 3086).

On April 27, 2002, the Department certified 17 nations on the basis that their sea turtle protection program is comparable to that of the United States: Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela.

The Department also certified 24 shrimp harvesting nations and one economy as having fishing environments that do not pose a danger to sea turtles. Sixteen nations have shrimping grounds only in cold waters where the risk of taking sea turtles is negligible. They are: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay. Eight nations and one economy only harvest shrimp using small boats with crews of less than five that use manual rather than mechanical means to retrieve nets, or catch shrimp in using other methods that do not threaten sea turtles. Use of such small-

scale technology does not adversely affect sea turtles. The nine nations and one economy are: the Bahamas, China, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Oman, Peru and Sri Lanka.

The Department of State has communicated the certifications under Section 609 to the Office of Trade Program of the United States Customs Service.

Dated: April 29, 2002.

David A Balton, Acting

Deputy Assistant Secretary, For Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2002-12272]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A working group of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will meet to discuss task statement #34 concerning the minimum standard of competence in security necessary for a ship's security officer and crew. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The MERPAC working group will meet on Tuesday, June 18, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before June 4, 2002. Written material and requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the working group should reach the Coast Guard on or before June 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The working group of MERPAC will meet in room 1103, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC. Further directions regarding the location of U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters may be obtained by contacting Mr. Mark Gould at (202) 267-6890. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Brian J. Peter, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-

0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Commander Brian J. Peter, Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-6890, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail mgould@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of June 18, 2002 Meeting

The working group will meet to discuss the Knowledge, Understanding, and Proficiency (KUPs) required to train a ship security officer in the minimum competencies detailed in task statement #34. The International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) will further consider the competencies to be required of ship security officers and other crew members at its 75th session which will be held from 15-24 May 2002. The United States' proposal is contained in MSC paper 75/17/30 (located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/imosec/75-17-30.pdf>). The MERPAC working group will consider any action taken on this proposal by the MSC. The working group will develop the KUPs into a table format similar to Section A of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), as amended, Code. At the end of the day, the working group will re-cap its discussions and prepare the table for the full committee to consider at its next meeting.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than June 4, 2002. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than June 4, 2002. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or working group in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than June 4, 2002. We request that members of the public who plan to attend this meeting notify Mr. Mark Gould at the number listed in **ADDRESSES** above so that

building security officials may be notified.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: May 7, 2002.

Joseph J. Angelo,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2002-35]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption, part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of a certain petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before June 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the petition to the Docket Manager System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2002-XXXXX at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that the FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the petition, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets

Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Siegrist (425-227-2126), Transport Airplane Directorate (ANM-113), Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Ave., SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; or Vanessa Wilkins (202-267-8029), Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2002-12142.

Petitioner: Airbus.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 25.901(c).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Rolls-Royce Trent 500 series engines to be certified on Airbus Model A340-500 and A340-600 series airplanes on the basis that, while this type design may not strictly comply with an applicable rule, it would provide some improvement in the level of safety compared to that of currently approved A340 and other similar airplane type designs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2002-36]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

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DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before June 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2002-11998 at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the petition, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2002-11845.

Petitioner: General electric Company.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 33.73(b).

Description of Relief Sought: To exempt GE90-110B1, GE90-113B, and GE90-115B engine models from meeting the 5-second thrust response requirement to accommodate a control system enhancement made to optimize engine operability at high corrected core airflow conditions.

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