

booth and the remaining 35% of incoming calls received were calls to RCMMs from the upstairs offices of their member organization and their clearing member organization and calls to Floor brokers.<sup>17</sup>

The Exchange believes that the Pilot is operating successfully in that there is a reasonable degree of usage of portable phones. Based on the Pilot, the Exchange has not identified any additional significant regulatory issues to report at this time. Moreover, there have been no administrative or technical problems, other than routine telephone maintenance issues, that have resulted from the operation of the Pilot over the past few months.

#### *Proposal To Make Portable Phone Pilot Permanent*

The Exchange proposes to make permanent the amendment to Exchange Rule 36 permitting a Floor broker and an RCMM to use an Exchange authorized and issued portable phone on the Exchange Floor.

The permanent incorporation of the Pilot's provisions will enable the Exchange to continue to provide more direct, efficient access to its trading crowds and customers, increase the speed of transmittal and execution of orders, and provide an enhanced level of service to customers in an increasingly competitive environment. In particular, by enabling customers to speak directly to a Floor broker in a trading crowd on an Exchange authorized and issued portable phone, the proposed rule change will continue what has become a more expeditious and direct free flow of information than the circuitous manner in which information was transmitted prior to the Pilot.

The Exchange believes that the successful operation of the Pilot since 2003 for Floor brokers with the inclusion of RCMMs in 2006 amply demonstrates that the Pilot facilitates communication on the Exchange Floor for both Floor brokers and RCMMs without any corresponding drawbacks. Therefore, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to amend Exchange Rule 36 to make permanent the existing Pilot.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>18</sup> that an Exchange have rules that are

<sup>17</sup> The Exchange has received records of incoming and outgoing telephone calls from January 31, 2007, through January 31, 2008, for Floor brokers and RCMMs and will continue to receive records of such telephone calls on a monthly basis.

<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The amendment to Exchange Rule 36 supports the mechanism of free and open markets by providing a means for increased communication by Floor brokers and RCMMs to and from the Exchange Floor.

#### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others*

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

#### *Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action*

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (a) By order approve such proposed rule change; or
- (b) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

#### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

##### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2008-20 on the subject line.

##### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary,

Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2008-20. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2008-20 and should be submitted on or before April 30, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>19</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 6169]

### **Determination Under Section 608 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Div. J, Pub. L. 110-161) With Respect to Pakistan**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including by Section 608 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Div. J, Pub. L. 110-161), and Executive

<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Order 12163, as amended, I hereby determine and certify that subsequent to the termination of assistance to the Government of Pakistan after a military coup on October 12, 1999, a democratically elected government has taken office in Pakistan as of March 25, 2008, permitting immediate resumption of assistance.

I direct that this Determination be published in the **Federal Register** and transmitted to the Congress.

Dated: March 28, 2008.

**Condoleezza Rice,**

*Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6160]

### Determination on Provision of Assistance to Comoros

Pursuant to Section 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act") (22 U.S.C. 2261), and Section 1-100(a)(1) of Executive Order 12163, as amended, I hereby authorize, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the use of up to \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2008 funds available under Chapter 6 of Part II of the Act, in order to provide, for any unanticipated contingencies, assistance authorized by Part I of the Act (which is deemed to include references to Chapter 6 of Part II) for Comoros.

This determination shall be reported to Congress promptly and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

**Condoleezza Rice,**

*Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[AC 187-1B]

#### Flight Standards Service Schedule of Charges Outside the United States

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is announcing the availability of revised Advisory Circular (AC) 187-1B, Flight Standards Service Schedule of Charges Outside the United States, which transmits an updated

schedule of charges for services of FAA Flight Standards aviation safety inspectors outside the United States. The FAA updated this advisory circular in accordance with the procedures listed in Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations part 187, appendix A.

**DATES:** This AC was effective on March 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** *How to obtain copies:* A copy of this publication may be downloaded from: [http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory\\_and\\_Guidance\\_Library/rgAdvisoryCircular.nsf/0/2942D01E37AF962A8625741A007210A3?OpenDocument&Highlight=187](http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgAdvisoryCircular.nsf/0/2942D01E37AF962A8625741A007210A3?OpenDocument&Highlight=187).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Geoff McIntyre, Flight Standards Service, AFS-50, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 385-8139; e-mail: [geoff.mcintyre@faa.gov](mailto:geoff.mcintyre@faa.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC on April 1, 2008.

**James J. Ballough,**

*Director, Flight Standards Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2008-15]

#### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of certain petitions 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 April 29, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2008-0329 using any of the following methods:

- Government-wide rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Mail: Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department

of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- Fax: Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

- Hand Delivery: Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- Docket: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tyneka Thomas (202) 267-7626 or Frances Shaver (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on April 3, 2008.

**Eve Adams,**

*Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### Petitions for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2008-0329.

*Petitioner:* Embraer Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica, S.A.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* 14 CFR 121.344(d), (e), and (f).

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit the use of the Embraer EMB-145 series airplane in operations under part 121 with a flight data recorder system that does not fully meet the data resolution requirements.

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