

Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations, 2009 (Div. H, Pub. L. 111-8), and similar provisions in prior-year Appropriations Acts, and has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

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

Dated: September 4, 2009.

**Vann H. Van Diepen,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: 2009-0830]

#### Airport Privatization Pilot Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Receipt and Acceptance for Review: Preliminary Application for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, New Orleans, LA.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has completed its review of the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) preliminary application for participation in the airport privatization pilot program received under 49 U.S.C. 47134. The preliminary application is accepted for review, with a filing date of August 5, 2009. The City of New Orleans, the airport sponsor, may select a private operator, negotiate an agreement and submit a final application to the FAA for exemption under the pilot program. 49 U.S.C. 47134 establishes an airport privatization pilot program and authorizes the Department of Transportation to grant exemptions from certain Federal statutory and regulatory requirements for up to five airport privatization projects. The application procedures require the FAA to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** after review of a preliminary application. The FAA must publish a notice of receipt of the final application in the **Federal Register** for public review and comment for a sixty-day period. The MSY preliminary application is available for public review at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The docket number is FAA Docket Number 2009-0830.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Introduction and Background

Title 49 of the U.S. Code § 47134 authorizes the Secretary of Transportation, and through delegation, the FAA Administrator, to exempt a sponsor of a public use airport that has received Federal assistance, from certain Federal requirements in connection with the privatization of the airport by sale or lease to a private party. Specifically, the Administrator may exempt the sponsor from all or part of the requirements to use airport revenues for airport-related purposes, to pay back a portion of Federal grants upon the sale or lease of an airport, and to return airport property deeded by the Federal Government upon transfer of the airport. The Administrator is also authorized to exempt the private purchaser or lessee from the requirement to use all airport revenues for airport-related purposes, to the extent necessary to permit the purchaser or lessee to earn compensation from the operations of the airport.

On September 16, 1997, the Federal Aviation Administration issued a notice of procedures to be used in applications for exemption under Airport Privatization Pilot Program (62 FR 48693). A request for participation in the Pilot Program must be initiated by the filing of either a preliminary or final application for exemption with the FAA.

The City of New Orleans submitted a preliminary application to the Airport Privatization Pilot Program for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport on August 5, 2009; the filing date of this preliminary application. The City may select a private operator, negotiate an agreement and submit a final application to the FAA for exemption.

If FAA accepts the final application for review, the application will be made available for public review and comment for a sixty-day period.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 8, 2009.

**Randall S. Fiertz,**

*Director, Office of Airport Compliance and Field Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2009-40]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a 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 the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before September 30, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2009-0809 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 (DOT), 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.

*Privacy:* 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).

*Docket:* To read background documents or comments received, go to