DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection(s): Criteria for Internet Communications of Aviation Weather, NOTAM, and Aeronautical Data

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 23, 2010, vol. 75, no. 184, page 58015. An Advisory Circular (AC) establishes criteria for Qualified Internet Communications Providers (ICP), who provide access to aviation weather, Notices to Airmen (NOTAM), and aeronautical data via the Public Internet. The information collected is used to determine the provider's eligibility.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by January 27, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carla Scott on (202) 267–9895, or by e-mail at: Carla.Scott@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2120–0672.

Title: Criteria for Internet Communications of Aviation Weather, NOTAM, and Aeronautical Data.

Form Numbers: There are no FAA forms associated with this collection of information.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: Any interested person or organization desiring to become a QICP shall provide the FAA Aviation Weather and Policy Requirements, AJP–B1 with a written application documenting their capability to meet the QICP criteria. The purpose of the information is to ensure the reliability, accessibility and security of aviation weather data, NOTAM and aeronautical data accessed via the Internet as well as to encourage data providers to identify the approval status (e.g., experimental or operational) of aviation weather products.

Respondents: Approximately 6 applicants.

Frequency: Information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 40 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,740 hours.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection. 

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 20, 2010.

Carla Scott,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES–200.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Decision To Issue Buy American Waivers for Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Detection Equipment

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Decision.

SUMMARY: On August 5, 2010, the FAA published a notice in the Federal Register advising manufacturers of Foreign Object Debris (FOD) detection equipment that it was considering issuing waivers to Buy American requirements of 49 USC 50101 to foreign manufacturers of FOD detection equipment (Federal Register/Vol. 75, No. 150/Thursday, August 5, 2010/Notices, page 47344) The FAA has determined that two manufacturers with products containing 60% or more U.S. content and U.S. final assembly are able to produce sufficient and reasonable amounts of FOD detection equipment meeting the requirements of FAA Advisory Circular 150/5220–24. Subsequently, the FAA will issue Buy American Waivers based on the 60% U.S. content and U.S. final assembly. The FAA will not issue any Buy American Waivers based on insufficient quantity to foreign manufacturers.

DATES: This notice becomes effective December 28, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Frank San Martin, Manager, Airports Financial Assistance, APP 500, Room 620, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267–3831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 30, 2009 the FAA published Advisory Circular 150/5220–24, Airport Foreign Object Debris (FOD) detection equipment, detailing system requirements at airports. However, while developing this Advisory Circular the FAA tested equipment from a variety of FOD detection equipment manufacturers, including some manufacturers from outside of the United States. Compliance with the Buy American requirements (49 U.S.C. 50101) is required for projects funded under the Airport Improvement Program.
(AIP). To determine if there were any U.S. manufacturers that can produce sufficient and reasonable amounts of stationary FOD detection systems; the FAA issued a notice in the Federal Register on August 5, 2010 requesting information from both domestic and foreign manufacturers producing FOD detection equipment (75 FR 47344).

Following the Federal Register notice the FAA received information from five companies indicating that they manufacturer stationary FOD detection equipment meeting the requirements of Advisory Circular 150/5220–24. The five companies were: Trex Aviation Systems, which is based in San Diego, CA; QinetiQ Ltd., which is based in the United Kingdom but has a manufacturing facility in Massachusetts; Stratech Systems Limited, which is based in Singapore; Magna BSP Ltd., which is based in Israel; Rheinmetall Italia S.P.A., which is based in Italy; and X-Sight Systems Inc., which is based in Israel.

Based on the information received the FAA identified two companies manufacturing stationary FOD detection systems in the United States: Trex Aviation Systems and QinetiQ. Although both Trex Aviation Systems and QinetiQ produce their FOD detection systems in the United States their systems do not fully meet the Buy American content requirements, which require that the product be manufactured with one hundred percent U.S. components and subcomponents (49 U.S.C. 50101). As a result the FAA will issue a Nationwide Buy American Waiver for the Trex Aviation Systems’ FOD Finder XF and QinetiQ’s Tarsier FOD System based on the 60% U.S. content and U.S. final assembly waiver permitted in 49 U.S.C. 50101(b)(3). With the presence of these two manufacturers in the United States the FAA has determined there is sufficient quantity and consequently there is no justification for issuing any Buy American Waivers to foreign manufacturers based on insufficient quantity at this time. In the past the FAA has concluded that when there are two or more manufacturers in a particular market sufficient quantity may exist; as concluded in the Buy American Waiver determinations related to Automated Weather Observing Systems (AWOS) and airfield lighting equipment.

While the FAA is not at this time issuing any Buy American Waivers to foreign manufacturers, if in the future these foreign companies begin assembly in the United States and can meet the 60% U.S. content and U.S. final assembly waiver requirement under 49 U.S.C. 0101(b)(3) the FAA will reevaluate their status.

This “Nationwide Waiver” will allow Trex Aviation Systems’ FOD Finder XF and QinetiQ’s Tarsier FOD System to be used on AIP funded projects without having to receive separate waivers for each project. Having a nationwide waiver enables projects to start quickly without having to wait for the Buy American analysis to be completed for every project, while still assuring the funds used for airport projects under the statute are being directed to manufacturers that meet the Buy American requirements. A complete list of items that have been granted a Nationwide Buy American Waiver can be found on the FAA Web site at http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/procurement/federal_contract_provisions/ at the tab entitled, Equipment Meeting Buy American Requirements.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 17, 2010.

Frank San Martin, Manager, Airports Financial Assistance Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE–2010–62]

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 the 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 and be received on or before January 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA–2010–0766 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.

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 http://www.regulations.gov 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

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Pamela Hamilton-Powell,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition For Exemption


Petitioner: Airbus SAS.

Section of 14 CFR Affected:

§ 25.841(a)(2)(i) and (ii), and (a)(3).

Description of Relief Sought: The petitioner seeks relief of § 25.841(a)(2)(i) and (ii), and (a)(3) to allow cabin decompressions which can occur from uncontained engine-rotor failures that