

Methodology: The DS-260 will be submitted electronically to the Department via the internet. The applicant will be instructed to print a confirmation page containing a 2-D bar code record locator, which will be scanned at the time of adjudication. Applicants who submit the electronic application will no longer submit paper-based applications to the Department.

Dated: January 17, 2014.

Edward Ramotowski,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) Meeting Notice

Closed Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. State Department—Overseas Security Advisory Council on February 11 and 12, 2014. Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E), it has been determined that the meeting will be closed to the public. The meeting will focus on an examination of corporate security policies and procedures and will involve extensive discussion of trade secrets and proprietary commercial information that is privileged and confidential, and will discuss law enforcement investigative techniques and procedures. The agenda will include updated committee reports, a global threat overview, and other matters relating to private sector security policies and protective programs and the protection of U.S. business information overseas.

For more information, contact Marsha Thurman, Overseas Security Advisory Council, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-2008, phone: 571-345-2214.

Dated: January 23, 2014.

Gregory B. Starr,

Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending January 18, 2014

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2014-0005.

Date Filed: January 15, 2014.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: February 5, 2014.

Description: Application of Heron Luftfahrt GmbH & Co. KG requesting a foreign air carrier permit and exemption authority to operate charter flights with passengers and property to/from the United States.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2014-0007.

Date Filed: January 16, 2014.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: February 6, 2014.

Description: Application of Lineas Aereas Suramericanas, S.A. ("LAS") requesting a foreign air carrier permit and renewal of exemption authority authorizing LAS to operate the following services pursuant to the Open Skies Air Transport Agreement between the Governments of the United States of Colombia: (i) foreign air transportation of property and mail from points behind Colombia via Colombia and intermediate points to any point or points in the United States and beyond; and (ii) other charters.

Barbara J. Hairston,

Supervisory Dockets Officer Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending December 21, 2013

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the Sections 412 and 414 of the Federal Aviation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1382 and 1384) and procedures governing proceedings to enforce these provisions. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2013-0218.

Date Filed: December 18, 2013.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: Recommended Practice 1630. Finally Adopted Resolution dated 17 December 2013.

CSC Mail Vote (S076) dated 23 August 2013.

Intended effective date: 18 February 2014.

Barbara J. Hairston,

Supervisory Dockets Officer, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) Reorganization/Merger Announcement

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action gives notice to the American public and aviation industry of the FAA's Aviation Safety Office's (AVS), Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) reorganization/merger. The Aircraft Engineering Division (AIR-100) and Production and Airworthiness Division (AIR-200) are merging to become the Design, Manufacturing, and Airworthiness Division, AIR-100. The new AIR-100 Division is divided into five branches, Certification and Procedures Branch (AIR-110), Technical and Administrative Support Branch (AIR-120), Systems and Equipment Standards Branch (AIR-130), Operational Oversight Policy Branch (AIR-140), and System Performance and Development Branch (AIR-150).

DATES: Effective date, February 9, 2014.

Responsibilities: The current Aircraft Engineering Division responsibilities

include developing and standardizing regulations, national directives, policy, procedures, and advisory material for continued operational safety, type certification, design approval, and for authorization and oversight of Designated Representatives of the Administrator for civil aeronautical products. The current Production and Airworthiness Division responsibilities include developing and issuing regulations, national directives, policy, and procedures for continued operational safety, production and airworthiness certification and approvals, and certain Designated Representatives of the Administrator. Those combined responsibilities will remain intact in the newly established Design, Manufacturing, and Airworthiness Division.

Policy Documents: All Aircraft Engineering Division and Production and Airworthiness Division previously issued Advisory Circulars, Orders, Notices, and guidance will remain in effect until revised, changed, or deleted. The documents will be reviewed and modified according to priority.

Additional Information: Please contact the Engineering, Manufacturing, and Airworthiness Division (AIR-100) by phone on 202-285-6348 or by email at 9-AVS-AIR100@faa.gov. For a further breakdown of the Division and physical addresses view http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/air/hq/.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 23, 2014.

Frank P. Paskiewicz,

Deputy Director, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC); New Task Assignment for the ARAC: Establishment of Airman Certification System Working Group

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FAA assigned the ARAC a new task arising from recommendations of the ARAC Airman Testing Standards and Training Working Group (ATSTWG). The ATSTWG recommended ways to ensure that the FAA's airman testing and training materials better support

reduction of fatal general aviation accidents. The FAA and the Aviation Industry jointly seek to improve airman training and testing by establishing an integrated, holistic airman certification system that clearly aligns testing with certification standards, guidance, and reference materials, and maintains that alignment. The new task is to establish an Airman Certification System Working Group (ACSWG) that will provide expert assistance and industry views to the FAA's Flight Standards Service (AFS) on the development, modification, and continued alignment of the major components of the airman certification system.

This action item informs the public of the new ARAC's task and solicits membership for the new ACSWG.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Van L. Kerns, Manager, Regulatory Support Division, FAA Flight Standards Service, AFS 600, FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125; telephone (405) 954-4431, email van.l.kerns@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA established ARAC to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator on the FAA's rulemaking activities. ARAC's objectives are to improve the development of the FAA's regulations by providing information, advice, and recommendations related to aviation issues.

On September 21, 2011, the FAA chartered the Airman Testing Standards and Training Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) for the U.S. aviation community to develop recommendations for more effective training and testing in the areas of aeronautical knowledge and flight proficiency required for safer operation in today's National Airspace System (NAS). The FAA's charge to the ARC was to help ensure that FAA's technical information related to existing standards for airman knowledge and skill tests, computer testing supplements, knowledge test guides, practical test standards and training handbooks incorporates the most current, relevant, and effective approaches to training and testing. The FAA specifically tasked the ARC with providing recommendations on a process for ongoing stakeholder participation in developing the content of these materials, and methodologies for developing better test item bank questions.

On August 30, 2012, the ARAC accepted the FAA's assignment of a new

task in response to several of the ARC's recommendations. ARAC established the ATSTWG to address the private pilot, flight instructor, and instrument rating training and testing materials by developing an integrated Airman Certification Standards (ACS) document for each one. The FAA also tasked the ATSTWG to develop a detailed proposal to realign and, as appropriate, streamline and consolidate existing FAA guidance material (e.g., handbooks) with each integrated ACS documents; and to propose methodologies to ensure that knowledge test item bank questions are consistent with both the ACS documents and the test question development principles set forth in the ARC's recommendations.

On September 30, 2013, the ARAC submitted to the FAA the ATSTWG's final report and recommendations to improve airman training and testing by establishing an integrated, holistic airman certification system that clearly aligns testing with certification standards, guidance, and reference materials, and maintains that alignment. The ATSTWG recommended specific steps the FAA should take to adopt the proposed Airman Certification System approach, and steps for its ongoing management. One of these steps is for the FAA to establish an ACSWG to assist the agency in ensuring that the content of its ACS, guidance, and knowledge testing materials is relevant and current; and to ensure that all components of the airman certification system are maintained in alignment.

The Task

On December 2013, the ARAC discussed the proposed actions for this tasking. This notice advises the public that the FAA has assigned, and the ARAC has accepted, a new task to establish the ACSWG. The FAA has specifically tasked the ACSWG to support the FAA's goal to enhance general aviation safety and reduce the fatal general aviation accident rate by providing a means for the aviation industry to provide expert assistance and industry views to the FAA's Flight Standards Service (AFS) on the development, modification, and continued alignment of the major components of the airman certification system, which include:

1. The ACS for airman certificates and ratings (i.e. 8081-series documents);
2. Associated training guidance material (e.g., H-series handbooks);
3. Test management (e.g., test question development, test question boarding, test composition/test "mapping," and CT-8080-series figures); and