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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Fiftieth RTCA SC-206 Aeronautical Information and Meteorological Data Link Services (AIS) Plenary**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Fiftieth RTCA SC-206 Aeronautical Information and Meteorological Data Link Services (AIS) Plenary.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of Fiftieth RTCA SC-206 Aeronautical Information and Meteorological Data Link Services (AIS) Plenary.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 15, 2018 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at: Harris Corporation—Technology Center, 1395 Troutman Blvd NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905. Pre-registration is required by March 2nd.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karan Hofmann at [khofmann@rtca.org](mailto:khofmann@rtca.org) or 202-330-0680, or The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or website at <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of the Fiftieth RTCA SC-206 Aeronautical Information and Meteorological Data Link Services (AIS) Plenary. The agenda will include the following:

1. Opening Remarks: DFO, RTCA, and Chairman
2. Attendees' Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Herndon, VA)
5. Sub-Groups Reports
  - A. SG1: CSC JC and Other SC Coordination (ISRA)
  - B. SG5: FIS-B MOPS
6. Decision on TOR Changes/Rejoining WG-76

7. Future Meetings Plans and Dates
8. Industry Coordination
  - A. Horizon 2020—Honeywell
9. Action Item Review
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Federal Aviation Administration**

**RTCA Program Management Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** RTCA Program Management Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Program Management Committee Meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 22, 2018 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at: RTCA Headquarters, 1150 18th Street NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karan Hofmann at [khofmann@rtca.org](mailto:khofmann@rtca.org) or 202-330-0680, or The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or website at <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of the RTCA PMC Program Management Committee Meeting. The agenda will include the following:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review/Approve

- A. Meeting Summary December 19, 2017
- B. Administrative SC TOR Revisions
3. Publication Consideration/Approval
  - A. Revision to DO-257A—Minimum Operational Performance Standards for the Depiction of Navigational Information on Electronic Maps Prepared, by SC-227 (Standards of Navigation Performance)
4. Integration and Coordination Committee (ICC)
5. Cross Cutting Committee (CCC)
6. Past Action Item Review
7. Discussion
  - A. SC-223—Internet Protocol Suite (IPS) and Aeronautical Mobile Airport Communication System (AEROMACS)—Discussion—Revised TOR
  - B. SC-229—406 MHZ Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTS)—Discussion—Revised TOR
  - C. SC-236—Standards for Wireless Avionics Intra-Communication System (WAIC) WITHIN 4300-4400 MHZ—Discussion—Revised TOR
  - D. SC-147—Aircraft Collision Avoidance Systems—Discussion—Status
  - E. SC-206—Aeronautical Information and Meteorological Data Link Services—Discussion—Temporary Restricted Areas White Paper—Discussion
  - F. NAC—Status Update
  - G. TOC—Status Update
  - H. DAC—Status Update
  - I. FAA Actions Taken on Previously Published Documents—Report
  - J. Special Committees—Chairmen's Reports and Active Inter-Special Committee Requirements Agreements (ISRA)—Review
  - K. European/Eurocae Coordination—Status Update
8. Documents Open for Final Review and Comment
9. Other Business
10. Schedule for Committee Deliverables and Next Meeting Date
11. New Action Item Summary

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0238]

**Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for an Exemption From TowMate, LLC**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew for a period of 5 years TowMate, LLC's (TowMate's) current exemption allowing motor carriers to operate rechargeable wireless temporary stop, turn, and tail lighting systems during temporary towing operations. Under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), all required lamps, with the exception of battery-powered lamps used on projecting loads, must be powered by the electrical system of the motor vehicle. The Agency has concluded that granting this exemption renewal would not have an adverse impact on safety, and that use of rechargeable wireless temporary stop, turn, and tail lighting systems during temporary towing operations would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety provided by the regulation. However, the Agency requests comments and information on the exemption, especially from anyone who believes this standard will not be maintained.

**DATES:** This decision takes effect February 9, 2018. Comments must be received on or before February 20, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA-2015-0238 using any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the Federal electronic docket site.
- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

• **Hand Delivery:** Ground Floor, Room W12-140, DOT Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this notice. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the "Public Participation" heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the "Privacy Act" heading for further information.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or to Room W12-140, DOT Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

**Public participation:** The <http://www.regulations.gov> website is generally available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You may find electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the "help" section of the <http://www.regulations.gov> website as well as the DOT's <http://docketsinfo.dot.gov> website. If you would like notification that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments online.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amina Dines, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, MC-PSV, (202) 366-2782, [Amina.Dines@dot.gov](mailto:Amina.Dines@dot.gov), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) to grant exemptions from certain Federal Motor Carrier

Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). This authority is codified in 49 CFR part 381. Under this rule, FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public with an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305(a)).

The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If the Agency denies the request, it must state the reason for doing so. If the decision is to grant the exemption, the notice must specify the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision or provisions from which an exemption is granted. The notice must specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 5 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.315(c) and 49 CFR 381.300(b)).

**TowMate's Application for Exemption**

TowMate applied for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.23 to allow motor carriers to operate rechargeable wireless temporary stop, turn, and tail lighting systems during temporary towing operations. A copy of the application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

Section 393.23, "Power Supply for Lamps," provides that "All required lamps must be powered by the electrical system of the motor vehicle with the exception of battery powered lamps used on projecting loads."

The application stated:

TowMate is making this request because the use of conventional hard wired temporary stop, turn, and tail lights has many drawbacks that wireless tow lights solve. These include broken connections, frayed wires, burnt out incandescent bulbs, and the potential to be snagged or pulled from the tow light receptacle due to improper running of wires, and road hazards, along with the safety hazard of increasing the amount of time spent on the roadside or the scene of an accident by stringing wired lighting systems between vehicles and securing the wires. With the advent of LED technology coupled with advancements in battery technologies, wireless tow lights are more reliable and better equipped for the rigors of daily temporary use.

Temporary wireless stop, turn, tail lighting systems can operate for 10+ hours of