

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Proposed New Restricted Category Aircraft—Special Purpose Operations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and requests comment on the proposed addition of several new restricted category special purpose operations pursuant to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These include Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief, and An expansion of Patrolling to include patrolling of railroads, waterways and harbors.

*Comments Invited:* Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed new special purpose operations for restricted category by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, in favor or opposed. Please forward you comments to Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Policy & Innovation Division, Certification Procedures Section (AIR-6C1), 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024. ATTN: Mr. Graham Long. Comments must be received on or before April 24, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Policy & Innovation Division, Certification Procedures Section (AIR-6C1) at 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024.

ATTN: Mr. Graham Long. You may contact Mr. Long at (202) 267-1624, Fax (202) 267-1813, or Email: [graham.long@faa.gov](mailto:graham.long@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA is considering several new restricted category aircraft—special purpose operations pursuant to 14 CFR 21.25(b)(7). Approval of these new special purpose operations would improve the usability of restricted category aircraft and support the public welfare. The proposed new special purpose operations are: (1) Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief, and (2) an expansion of Patrolling to include patrolling of Railroads, Waterways and Harbors. These operations are intended to be performed within the scope of “aerial work operations.” Note, pursuant to § 91.313, the operating limitations and the noise requirements pursuant to 14 CFR part 36, will apply to these special purpose operations in restricted category, unless otherwise waived.

1. *Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief:* Recent natural disasters in the United States (notably Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and multiple hurricanes in 2017) have prompted the FAA to consider allowing restricted category aircraft to operate under these types of circumstances to make available additional aviation resources to provide humanitarian assistance and/or disaster relief. The proposed mission involves bringing in needed materials and supplies (*i.e.*, cargo only—no passengers) to the affected area, or moving materials and supplies within the area. This approval is intended to be performed within the scope of “aerial work operations” and would be available to both rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft. In addition, this operation would potentially include aerial delivery/airdropping of supplies. FAA is considering limiting this approval to periods when a government agency has made a declaration of a state of emergency, or similar declaration.

2. *Patrolling Railroads, Waterways and Harbors:* Restricted category aircraft, both rotary wing and fixed wing, are currently able to be used for patrolling pipelines, power lines, and canals. We are considering expanding Patrolling to include patrolling railroads, waterways and harbors to enable the use of restricted category aircraft in these missions. FAA further wants to clarify that patrolling operations are to be for inspection, security, and safety purposes, and are intended to be performed within the scope of “aerial work operations.”

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2019-0010]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for approval of a new information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of a new information

collection. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on December 12, 2018. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by April 24, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments within 30 days to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. All comments should include the Docket No. FHWA-2019-0010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kelly Morton 602-382-8976, [Kelly.Morton@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Morton@dot.gov); Office of Safety, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Drug Offender's Driver's License Suspension Certification.

*OMB Control Number:* 2125-0579.

*Background:* States are legally required to enact and enforce laws that revoke or suspend the drivers licenses of any individual convicted of a drug offense and to make annual certifications to the FHWA on their actions. The Department of Transportation's implementing regulations (23 CFR part 192) of 23 U.S.C. 159 require annual certifications by the Governors. In this regard, the State must submit by January 1 of each year either a written certification, signed by the Governor, stating that the State is in compliance with 23 U.S.C. 159; or a written certification stating that the Governor is opposed to the enactment or enforcement, and that the State legislature has adopted a resolution expressing its opposition to 23 U.S.C. 159.