

petitioners allege that the FAA intentionally misrepresented the justification for the Age 60 rule to the public, Congress, Federal courts, and the International Civil Aviation Organization. The petitioners allege that the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations ordered the FAA to conduct a study in a 2000 appropriations bill. The petitioner allege that the study was flawed. Further, the petitioners allege that there is "evidence of the FAA's intent—perhaps even its complicity with the [Senate Appropriations] Committee—to mislead." The petitioners assert that the FAA has refused to collect data, make data available that has been collected, or analyze data that has been collected that would undermine the Age 60 rule. The petitioners claim pilot incapacitation poses no threat to safety in air operations; therefore, there is no justification for the FAA "no exemptions" policy towards Age 60. The petitioners allege that when FAA considers granting exemptions to Age 60 rule, it does not take into consideration that performance and medical checks would eliminate at-risk pilots. The petitioners claim that they are entitled to be exempt from the Age 60 rule because the rule has no medical or safety basis; therefore, granting them an exemption to the rule will not adversely affect safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

User Input to the Aviation Weather Technology Transfer Board

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA will hold an informal public meeting to seek aviation weather user input to the Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board. Details: October 22, 2002; Hilton Palm Springs Resort, 400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Horizon Room. The objective of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested aviation weather users to provide input on FAA's plans for implementing new weather products.

DATES: The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Horizon Room at the Hilton Palm

Springs Resort, 400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California 92262 in conjunction with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots (AOPA) Expo '02.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debi Bacon, Aerospace Weather Policy Division, ARS-100, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number (202) 385-7705; Fax: (202) 385-7701; email: debi.bacon@faa.gov. Internet address: <http://www.debi.bacon@faa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

In 1999, the FAA established an Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board to manage the orderly transfer of weather capabilities and products from research and development into operations. The Director of the Aerospace Weather Policy and Standards Staff, ARS-20, chairs the AWTT Board. The board is composed of stakeholders in Air Traffic Services, ATS; Regulation and Certification, AVR; and Research and Acquisitions, ARA in the Federal Aviation Administration and the Office of Climate, Water and Weather Services, OS and the Office of Science and Technology, OST in the National Weather Service.

The AWTT Board meets semi-annually or as needed, to determine the readiness of weather research and development (R&D) products for experimental use, full operational use for meteorologists or full operational use for end users. The board's determinations will be based upon criteria in the following areas: users needs; benefits; costs; risks; technical readiness; operational readiness and budget requirements.

The user interface process is designed to allow FAA to both report progress and receive feedback from industry users. Each AWTT board meeting will be preceded by a half-day industry review session approximately one month prior to each board meeting. These industry review sessions will be announced in the **Federal Register** and open to all interested parties.

This meeting is the industry review session intended to receive feedback on a weather R&D product that will be presented for consideration at the November 2002 AWTT Board meeting. The product to be considered is the Integrated Turbulence Forecast Algorithm (ITFA).

Meeting Procedures

(a) The meeting will be informal in nature and will be conducted by

representatives of the FAA Headquarters.

(b) The meeting will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. Every effort was made to provide a meeting site with sufficient seating capacity for the expected participation. There will be neither admission fee nor other charge to attend and participate. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the AOPA Expo '02. There is a charge to attend the AOPA Expo '02; however, any person attending this informal meeting only will be admitted by AOPA conference officials, to this meeting only, at no charge.

(c) FAA personnel present will conduct a briefing on how the AWTT system works and changes to the process made in the last year. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the process that is not clear.

(d) FAA personnel will present a briefing on the specific product to be reviewed at the November 2002 AWTT Board Meeting. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the presentation that is not clear.

(e) Any person present may give feedback on the product to be presented. Feedback on the proposed product will be captured through discussion between FAA personnel and any persons attending the meeting. The meeting will not be formally recorded. However, informal tape recordings may be made of the presentations to ensure that each respondent's comments are noted accurately.

(f) An official verbatim transcript or minutes of the informal meeting will not be made. However, a list of the attendees, a digest of discussions during the meeting and an action item list will be produced. Any person attending may receive a copy of the written information upon request to the information contact, above.

(g) Every reasonable effort will be made to hear each person's feedback consistent with a reasonable closing time for the meeting. Written feedback may also be submitted to FAA personnel for up to seven (7) days after the close of the meeting.

Agenda

(a) Opening Remarks and Discussion of Meeting Procedures.

(b) Briefing on AWTT Process.

(c) Briefing on Weather Products.

(d) Request for User Input.

(e) Closing Comments.

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Acting Deputy Director, Aerospace Weather Policy and Standards Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO) C-154, Universal Access Transceiver Equipment

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (DOT)

ACTION: Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed Technical Standard Order (TSO) C-154, Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) Equipment Operating on the Frequency of 978 MHz. This draft TSO tells persons seeking a TSO authorization or letter of design approval what minimum performance standards (MPS) their UAT equipment must meet to be identified with the applicable TSO marking.

DATES: Comments must identify the TSO file number and be received on or before October 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service—File No. TSO-C154, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bobbie J. Smith, Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-9546.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address.

Comments received on the proposed technical standard order may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

Background

This proposed TSO prescribes the minimum standards for airborne equipment to support Automatic Dependent Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B) using Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) equipment operating on the frequency of 978 MHz. ADS-B is a system by which aircraft and certain equipped surface vehicles can share position, velocity, and other information with one another (and also with ground-based facilities such as air traffic services) via radio broadcast techniques. UTA is a multi-purpose aeronautical datalink system intended to support not only ADS-B, but also Flight Information Service—Broadcast (FIS-B), Traffic Information Service—Broadcast (TIS-B), and supplementary ranging and positioning capabilities. Two major classes of UAT equipment are supported by this TSO; Class A() equipment which incorporates both a broadcast and receive subsystem, and Class B() equipment which supports broadcast only.

How To Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed TSO-C154 may be obtained via the information contained in section titled "For Further Information Contact", or from the FAA Internet web site at <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/tsoa.htm>. Copies of RTCA Document No.'s. RTCA/DO-160D, "Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment," dated July 29, 1997; RTCA/DO-178B, "Software Considerations in Airborne Systems and Equipment Certification," dated December 1, 1992; RTCA Document No. DO-242A, "Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards for Automatic Dependant Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B)" dated June 25, 2002; and RTCA/DO-282, "Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Universal Access Transceiver (UAT) Automatic Dependant Surveillance—Broadcast (ADS-B)" dated August 27, 2002, may be purchased from RTCA, Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 815, Washington, DC

20036. Copies can also be obtained through the RTCA Internet web site at <http://www.rtca.org/>

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Transfer of Federally Assisted Land or Facility

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT

ACTION: Notice of intent to transfer federally assisted land or facility.

SUMMARY: Section 5334(g) of the Federal Transit Laws, as codified, 49 U.S.C. 5301, et seq., permits the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to authorize a recipient of FTA funds to transfer land or a facility to a public body for any public purpose with no further obligation to the Federal Government if, among other things, no Federal agency is interested in acquiring the asset for Federal use. Accordingly, FTA is issuing this Notice to advise Federal agencies that the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services intends to transfer a vacant parcel of land without structures to Honolulu's Department of Facility Maintenance to use as a refueling station for city vehicles. The parcel was formerly used as a bus terminus facility and consists of approximately 12,800 square feet of land fronting Umi Street in Honolulu, Hawaii across the street from the Kalihi Shopping Center situated within an area zoned IMX-1 for industrial-commercial mixed use.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Any Federal agency interested in acquiring the land or facility must notify the FTA Region IX Office of its interest by November 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should notify the Regional Office by writing to Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210, San Francisco, CA 94105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Carranza, Director of Office of Program Management at (415) 744-3118.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: