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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to § 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to be held on April 8, 2002, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Room 600 East, Washington, DC 20591. The agenda will include:

1. Opening Remarks.
2. Committee Administration.
3. Rescue and Firefighting Requirements Working Group Report.
4. Future Meetings.

Attendance is open to the interested public but will be limited to the space available. The FAA will arrange teleconference capability for individuals wishing to participate by teleconference if we receive notification before April 1, 2002. Arrangements to participate by teleconference can be made by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Callers outside the Washington metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by April 1, 2002, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to the meeting. Public statements will only be considered if time permits. In addition, sign and oral interpretation, as well as an assistive listening device, can be made available, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 19, 2002.

Ben Castellano,

Assistant Executive Director for Airport Certification Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Airworthiness Approval of Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems and Mode S Transponders

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a revised draft Advisory Circular (AC) 20-131B Airworthiness Approval of Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS II) and Mode S Transponders. The draft AC provides guidance material for the airworthiness approval of Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS II) certified to Technical Standard Order (TSO)—C119b and Mode S transponders.

DATES: Comments submitted must be received on or before June 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed advisory circular to: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Avionic Systems Branch, AIR-13, 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: Mary Grice, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aircraft Certification Service, Aircraft Engineering Division, Avionic Systems Branch AIR-130, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, Telephone: (202) 267-9897, FAX: (202) 267-5340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the draft AC listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they desire, to the aforementioned specified address. Comments must be marked "Comments to AC 20-131B." Comments received on the draft advisory circular may be examined, both before and after the closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., 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 will be considered by the Director of the Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final AC.

Background

The FAA is developing a new Advisory Circular, AC 20-131B, Airworthiness Approval of Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS II) and Mode S Transponders. This advisory circular (AC) provides guidance material for the airworthiness approval of Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance systems (TCAS II) and Mode

transponders. This revision to the current AC is prompted by the development of TCAS II version 7 and the publication of Technical Standard Order (TSO) C-119b, Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance system (TCAS) Airborne Equipment, TCAS II, dated 18 December, 1998. At this time, there is no plan to mandate an upgrade of existing TCAS II units to version 7. TCAS II version 7 was developed to be interoperable with existing TCAS II version v6.04a equipment. Version 7 includes numerous software changes improving surveillance performance and providing other improved capabilities such as in multiple aircraft encounters. This AC also proposes a reduction or elimination of flight test requirements under certain conditions when upgrading existing TCAS II units.

How To Obtain Copies

A copy of the revised draft AC may be obtained via Internet, (<http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/airhome.htm>), or on request from the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 14, 2002.

John W. McGraw,

Acting Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Third Party War Risk Liability Insurance

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of extension.

SUMMARY: This notice contains the text of a memo from the Secretary of Transportation to the President regarding the extension of the provision of aviation insurance coverage for U.S. flag commercial air carrier service in domestic and international operations.

DATES: Dates of extension from March 21, 2002 through May 19, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Kish, Program Analyst, APO-3, or Eric Nelson, Program Analyst APO-3, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202-267-9943 or 202-267-3090. Or online at FAA Insurance Web site: <http://api.hq.faa.gov/911policies/inscover.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 19, 2002, the Secretary of Transportation authorized a 60-day extension of aviation insurance provided by the Federal Aviation Administration as follows:

Memorandum To the President

"Pursuant to the authority delegated to me in paragraph (3) of Presidential Determination No. 01-29 of September 23, 2001, I hereby extend that determination to allow for the provision of aviation insurance and reinsurance coverage for U.S. Flag commercial air service in domestic and international operations for an additional 60 days.

Pursuant to section 44306(c) of chapter 443 of 49 U.S.C.—Aviation Insurance, the period for provision of insurance shall be extended from March 21, 2002, through May 19, 2002."

/s/ Norman Y. Mineta

Affected Public: Air Carriers who currently have Third Party War-Risk Liability Insurance with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 22, 2002.

John M. Rodgers,

Director, Office of Aviation Policy and Plans.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-11944]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel ALEXES.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that

uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-11944. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested.

Name of vessel: ALEXES. *Owner:* Action Beach and Bay Rentals.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. *According to the applicant:* "LOA: 38' Beam: 14" Draft: 3'4" Displacement: 24,000 lbs."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. *According to the applicant:*

"Point Conception, California to Cabo San Lucas, BCS Mexico, and out 200 miles . . ." " . . . charter boat . . .".

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of construction:* 1963. *Place of construction:* uncertain.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. *According to the applicant:* "Action Beach has operated the ALEXES as a charter boat from Mission Bay, San Diego, California for two years. No adverse impact on other commercial passenger vessel operators has occurred, and none is expected if this waiver is granted."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. *According to the applicant:* "No adverse impact on US shipyards will occur if this waiver is granted."

Dated: March 22, 2002.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-11910]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel HOLY MOSES.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 29, 2002.