

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Proposed Advisory Circular; Bird Ingestion Certification Standards**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed advisory circular and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) No. 33.76-1, Bird Ingestion Certification Standards.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed AC to the Federal Aviation Administration, Attn: Engine and Propeller Standards Staff, ANE-110, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA, 01803-5299.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marc Bouthillier, Engine and Propeller Standards Staff, ANE-110, at the above address, telephone (781) 238-7120, fax (781) 238-7199. A copy of the subject AC may also be obtained electronically by writing to the following Internet address: "marc.bouthillier@faa.gov". Additionally, you may obtain a copy of the draft AC directly from the internet at the following address <http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/acs/draftach.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Comments Invited**

A copy of the subject AC may be obtained by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC, and to submit such written data, views, or arguments as they desire. Commenters must identify the subject of the AC, and subject comments in duplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, before issuance of the final AC.

Background

This draft advisory circular (AC) provides guidance and acceptable methods, but not the only methods, that may be used to demonstrate compliance with the bird ingestion requirements of § 33.76 of the Federal Regulations, Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations once that regulation becomes final. A proposal to amend the Federal Aviation

Regulations by adding a new section, § 33.76, was published in the **Federal Register** on December 11, 1998 (64 FR 68635). Although this draft AC does refer to regulatory requirements that would be mandatory, this draft AC is not, in itself, mandatory. This AC would neither change any regulatory requirements nor authorizes changes in or deviations from the regulatory requirements.

This effort was adopted as a part 33 and Joint Aviation Regulations for engines (JAR-E) harmonization project and was selected as an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) project. This draft AC provides information and guidance that addresses Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) type certification standards for aircraft turbine engines with regard to bird ingestion. The requirements under § 33.76 reflect recent analysis of the bird threat encountered in service by turbine engine powered aircraft.

This advisory circular, published under the authority granted to the Administrator by 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701-44702, 44704, provides guidance for these proposed requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket Number: MARAD-2000-7246]

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 PUFFIN.

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 Pub.L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR 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 May 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7246. 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: Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR 832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

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 (less 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 commentator's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR 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: Sailing Vessel PUFFIN. U.S. Documentation Number 697029. Owner: Thomas B. Brener.