

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(1) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and
 (2) The Standards Office Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, approves your alternative. Submit your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Standards Office Manager.

Note 1: This AD applies to each aircraft (specifically balloons) with a Lindstrand Balloons Ltd 3/8-inch fuel hose identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For aircraft (specifically balloons) that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(f) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* Contact Roger Chudy, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4140; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

(g) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may get copies of the documents referenced in this AD from Lindstrand Balloons Ltd, Maesbury Road, Oswestry, Shropshire SY 10 8ZZ; telephone: +44 (0) 1691-671717; facsimile: +44 (0) 1691-671122. You may view these documents at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Note 2: The subject of this AD is addressed in British AD Number 002-07-2002, dated July 12, 2002.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

14 CFR Part 1260

RIN 2700-AC53

NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook—Security Requirements for Unclassified Information Technology Resources

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This is a proposed rule to amend the NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook to require recipients of grants and cooperative agreements to provide adequate security for all Agency information collected, processed, transmitted, stored, or disseminated through information technology. This would extend the coverage applicable to NASA contractors to recipients of grants and cooperative agreements.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before February 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to Paul Brundage, NASA Headquarters, Office of Procurement, Analysis Division (Code HC), Washington, DC 20546. Comments may also be submitted by email to: paul.brundage@hq.nasa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Brundage, NASA Headquarters, Code HC, Washington, DC (202) 358-0481, e-mail: paul.brundage@hq.nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Computer Security Act of 1987 and Appendix III of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-130, Security of Federal Automated Information Resources, require that adequate security be provided for all Agency information collected, processed, transmitted, stored, or disseminated. The NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Part 1804 contains the requirement for all NASA contractors to comply with Federal and NASA policies in safeguarding unclassified NASA data held via information technology (IT). This change would establish comparable coverage for grants and cooperative agreements.

This is not a significant regulatory action, and therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

NASA certifies that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, because the changes will affect an insignificant number of grants and cooperative agreements.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

An Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for data collection has previously been approved under OMB Control No. 2700-0098.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 1260

Grant Programs—Science and Technology.

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Accordingly, 14 CFR Part 1260 is proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR 1260 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1), Pub. L. 97-258, 96 Stat. 1003 (31 U.S.C. 6301, *et seq.*), and OMB Circular A-110.

PART 1260—GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

2. Amend section 1260.50 by adding paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 1260.50 Special conditions.

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(f) Security requirements for unclassified information technology resources. Under NASA grants and cooperative agreements, recipients normally do not collect, process, transmit, store, or disseminate unique Agency data of substantial value using information technology. However, if it is known that a grant or cooperative agreement will include such use of information technology, the NASA Grant Officer shall insert a provision substantially the same as § 1274.937. When such use of information technology is not originally anticipated in the performance of a grant, but it later becomes appropriate, the NASA Technical Officer shall immediately notify the NASA Grant Officer before such use of information technology occurs, and the NASA Grant Officer shall amend the grant to include a provision substantially the same as § 1274.937. NASA policies and procedures on security for automated information technology are prescribed in NPD 2810.1, Security of Information Technology, and in NPG 2810.1, Security of Information Technology.

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