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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**.

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**Ben Castellano,**

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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, Avionics 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, Avionics 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**.

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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>.