

diplomatic or consular purposes, or for the official business of an international organization, is committed to the sole discretion of the Department of State. Such determinations are communicated by letter from OFM to the relevant state, county, municipal or territorial revenue authorities.

- All such letters will be signed by the Director of OFM's Office of Diplomatic Property, Tax, Services and Benefits (OFM/PTSB), or a successor office.
- Such letters serve as official notice to the relevant state, county, municipality, or territory that the described property or transaction is or is not entitled to an exemption from real estate taxes on the basis of the property's authorized use for diplomatic or consular purposes or for the official business of an international organization.
- States, counties, municipalities, and territories are prohibited from extending to a foreign mission or international organization an exemption from real estate taxes associated with a property on the basis of the property's authorized use for diplomatic or consular purposes or for the official business of the international organization, except on the basis of written authorization from OFM.
- Conversely, on the basis of a letter as described above, states, counties, municipalities, and territories are required to extend to a foreign mission or international organization an exemption from real estate taxes to which OFM determines a foreign mission or international organization is entitled. If a state, county, municipality or territory has concerns regarding the extension of such exemption benefits, it should raise the matter directly with OFM.
- Unless otherwise determined by OFM, the effective date of OFM's authorization of an exemption from real estate taxes is the date the property deed in question is signed or transferred.
- States, counties, municipalities, and territories may establish additional procedures to ensure the proper extension of such exemption benefits, provided that:
  - such procedures, including the establishment and use of any forms, serve only to facilitate the state, county, municipality, or territory's extension of exemption benefits to a foreign mission or international organization and not as a means to determine the foreign mission's or international organization's entitlement to the exemption benefit associated with a property on the basis of the property's authorized use for diplomatic or consular purposes or for

the official business of the international organization, which determination is committed to the sole discretion of the Department of State; and

- the state, county, municipality, or territory obtain written approval from the Director of OFM/PTSB confirming that the proposed procedural requirements do not violate or infringe on any benefits, privileges, or immunities enjoyed by foreign missions or international organizations.

Finally, I further determine that any state or local laws to the contrary are hereby preempted.

The exemption from real estate taxes provided by this designation and determination shall apply to taxes that have been or will be assessed against any foreign mission or international organization with respect to property subject to this determination and shall nullify any existing tax liens with respect to any covered property. This determination shall not require the refund of any taxes previously paid by any foreign mission or international organization regarding such property. These actions are not exclusive and are independent of alternative legal grounds that support the tax exemption afforded herein.

The actions taken in this Designation and Determination are necessary to facilitate relations between the United States and foreign states, protect the interests of the United States, adjust for costs and procedures of obtaining benefits for missions of the United States abroad, and carry out the policy set forth in 22 U.S.C. 4301(b).

This action supersedes the Designation and Determination under the Foreign Missions Act made by the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources on June 23, 2009.

Dated: January 8, 2014.

**Patrick F. Kennedy,**

*Under Secretary for Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting via teleconference of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory

Committee (ARAC) Transport Airplane and Engine (TAE) Subcommittee to discuss TAE issues.

**DATES:** The teleconference is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2014, starting at 8:00 a.m. PST/11:00 a.m. EST. The public must make arrangements by February 5, 2014, to present oral statements at the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** N/A.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ralen Gao, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-3168, FAX (202) 267-5075, or email at [ralen.gao@faa.gov](mailto:ralen.gao@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. 2), notice is given of an ARAC Subcommittee meeting via teleconference to be held February 10, 2014.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Flight Controls Working Group Report

Participation is open to the public, but will be limited to the availability of teleconference lines.

To participate, please contact the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by email or phone for the teleconference call-in number and passcode. Please provide the following information: Full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your industry association, or applicable affiliation. If you are participating as a public citizen, please indicate so. Anyone calling from outside the Arlington, VA, metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long-distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by February 5, 2014, to present oral or written statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the Subcommittee by providing a copy to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Copies of the documents to be presented to the Subcommittee may be made available by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

If you need assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for the meeting or meeting documents, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 10, 2014.

**Lirio Liu,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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