

Administration, FMCSA; the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, BTS; Transportation Administrative Service Center, TASC, and the Transportation Security Administration, TSA. These offices exercise systems and operational control over applicable records within the system. The system software is centrally maintained by the FAA's Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Some centralized reporting functions are performed at Oklahoma City.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM OF RECORDS:

The systems cover: All employees of DOT, and only of DOT, which includes FAA, USCG, NHTSA, FHWA, OST, RSPA, FRA, FTA, MARAD, USCG, FMCSA, BTS, TASC, and TSA. Any other Federal agencies that use the system are responsible for Privacy Act compliance for their own employees.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Categories include application service provider records and credit cards of government employees, and payment records for non-payroll related expenses, payment records for payroll made offline, collection records for payroll offsets, and labor cost records.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C 301; 49 U.S.C. 322; 31 U.S.C. 3512 (b).

PURPOSE(S):

The purpose for collecting the data in the DAFIS and Delphi System of Records is to control and facilitate the accounting and reporting of financial transactions for DOT.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Accounting office personnel use these records to: Provide employees with off-line paychecks, travel advances, travel reimbursements, travel processing, and other official reimbursements; Facilitate the distribution of labor charges for costing purposes; Track outstanding travel advances, receivables, and other non-payroll amounts paid to employees, etc.; and, Clear advances that were made through the system in the form of off-line paychecks, payments for excess household goods made on behalf of the employee, garnishments, overdue travel advances, etc. See Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses.

DISCLOSURES TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12): Disclosures may be made from this system to "consumer reporting

agencies" as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 168a(f)) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1982 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are stored on magnetic tape, magnetic disk, microforms, and in file folders. Storage of file folders and microforms is at the geographic locations of the servicing accounting office. Magnetic tape and disk records are maintained at the central maintenance site in Oklahoma City.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by employee name and social security number. Retrieval is accomplished by use of telecommunications.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access to magnetic tape, disk records, and website records is limited to authorized agency personnel through password, encryption, firewalls, and secured operating system. Hard copy files are accessible to authorized personnel and are kept in locked file cabinets during non-duty hours.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Original payment vouchers and supporting documentation are retained and disposed in compliance with the General Records Schedules, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC 20408. The following schedules apply: General Records Schedule (GRS) 1, Civilian Personnel Records; GRS 2, Payrolling and Pay Administration Records; GRS 3, Procurement, Supply and Grant Records; GRS 4, Property Disposal Records; GRS 5, Budget Preparation, Presentation, and Appointment Records; GRS 6, Accountable Officers' Accounts Records; GRS 7, Expenditure Accounting Records; GRS 8, Stores, Plant and Cost Accounting Records; and, GRS 9, Travel and Transportation Records.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Office of Financial Management (B-30), Office of the Secretary, Office of Financial Management, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Inquiries should be directed to the managers of the accounting office supporting the employee's agency. Agency officials will contact the System Manager listed above if any centralized support is required for responses.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Same as "Notification procedure."

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as "Notification procedure."

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is provided by the employee directly or through the DOT Consolidated Uniform Payroll System.

EXEMPTION CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

OMB CONTROL NUMBER:

Not applicable

Dated: December 7, 2001.

Yvonne L. Coates,

Privacy Act Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 2001-11149]

Guidelines for Assessing Merchant Mariners through Demonstrations of Proficiency for Persons in Charge of Medical Care

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of, and seeks public comments on, the national performance measures proposed here for use as guidelines when mariners demonstrate their proficiency as Persons in Charge of Medical Care. These measures were developed from recommendations and input provided by the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC).

DATES: Comments related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before February 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Please identify your comments and related material by the docket number of this rulemaking [USCG 2001-11149]. Then, to make sure they enter the docket just once, submit them by just one of the following means: (1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

In choosing among these means, please give due regard to the recent difficulties with delivery of mail by the U.S. Postal Service to Federal facilities.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and related material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this Notice, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The measures proposed here are also available from Mr. Mark Gould, Maritime Personnel Qualifications Division, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-0229, or e-mail address mgould@comdt.uscg.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this Notice or on the national performance measures proposed here, e-mail or call Mr. Gould where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Action Is the Coast Guard Taking?

Section A-VI/4-2 of the Code accompanying the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended in 1995, articulates qualifications for ensuring merchant mariners' attaining the minimum standard of competence through demonstrations of their proficiency as Persons in Charge of Medical Care. The Coast Guard tasked MERPAC with referring to the Section, modifying and specifying it as it deemed necessary, and recommending national performance measures. The Coast Guard has reviewed the measures recommended by MERPAC and has developed a final set that we are proposing here for use as guidelines for assessing that proficiency.

The guidelines are set up as follows: First we set forth the Competency

within the STCW a mariner must demonstrate to meet the STCW section. Next we give a series of examples of Performance Conditions, a set of Performance Behaviors for each Performance Condition, and a set of Performance Standards for each Performance Behavior.

For example, if the Competency to demonstrate is: "Provide medical care to the sick and injured while they remain on board," a Performance Condition for that Competency demonstrating knowledge, understanding, and proficiency is: In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating a head injury, * * *

A Performance Behavior for that Condition is: * * * the candidate will demonstrate the techniques for conducting a neurological assessment.

A Performance Standard for that Behavior is: The candidate correctly demonstrates the following assessment techniques and states the significance of each finding: (a) Pupillary reaction; (b) Level of consciousness; (c) Verbal communication; and (d) Sensory motor status.

If the mariner properly meets all of the Performance Standards, he or she passes the practical demonstration. If he or she fails to properly carry out any of the Standards, he or she fails it.

Why Is the Coast Guard Taking This Action?

The Coast Guard is taking this action to comply with STCW, as amended in 1995 and incorporated into domestic regulations at 46 CFR parts 10, 12, and 15 in 1997. Guidance from the International Maritime Organization on shipboard assessments of proficiency suggests that Parties develop standards and measures of performance for practical tests as part of their programs for training and assessing seafarers.

How May I Participate in This Action?

You may participate in this action by submitting comments and related material on the national performance measures proposed here. (Although the Coast Guard does not seek public comment on the measures recommended by MERPAC, as district from the measures proposed here, those measures are available on the Internet at the homepage of MERPAC, <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/merpac/merpac.htm>.) These measures are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, under this docket number [USCG 2001-11149]. They are also available from Mr. Gould where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. If you submit written comments please include—

- Your name and address;
- The docket number for this Notice [USCG 2001-11149];
- The specific section of the performance measures to which each comment applies; and
- The reason for each comment.

You may mail, deliver, fax, or electronically submit your comments and related material to the Docket Management Facility, using an address or fax number listed in **ADDRESSES**. Please do not submit the same comment or material more than once. If you mail or deliver your comments and material, they must be on 8½-by-11-inch paper, and the quality of the copy should be clear enough for copying and scanning. If you mail your comments and material and would like to know whether the Docket Management Facility received them, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments and material received during the 60-day comment period.

Once we have considered all comments and related material, we will publish a final version of the national performance measures for use as guidelines by the general public. Individuals and institutions assessing the competence of mariners may refine the final version of these measures and develop innovative alternatives. If you vary from the final version of these measures, however, you must submit your alternative to the National Maritime Center for approval by the Coast Guard under 46 CFR 10.303(e) before you use it as part of an approved course or training program.

Dated: December 6, 2001.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director, of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

Assessment Guidelines for Table A-VI/4-2

Specification for Minimum Standard of Competency

Proficiency for Persons in Charge of Medical Care

Each candidate for an STCW endorsement as Person in Charge of Medical Care must meet the standards of competence set out in STCW Code Table A-VI/4-2. To accomplish this, he or she must:

- Complete approved education and training and meet all the competencies listed in the table;
- Pass a written examination for the portion of the competencies on knowledge and understanding; and
- Successfully accomplish a practical demonstration of skill for selected competencies.

The United States Coast Guard requires each mariner seeking proficiency as Person in Charge of Medical Care aboard ship to attend a course approved by the National Maritime Center. For this reason, these guidelines contain the assessment criteria for both requirements, knowledge (listed in the paragraph below) and skill, Table A–VI/4–2.

Written Assessments

The knowledge-based or understanding-based portion of the following competencies may be assessed through a written multiple-choice examination. The candidate must achieve a minimum passing grade of 70% in each kind of knowledge or understanding within the competency: Signs and symptoms of bleeding; signs and symptoms of burns, scalds and frostbite; types of wounds and their treatment; signs of infection; procedures to manage systemic pain; procedures to manage pain before cleaning; uses of lidocaine with and without epinephrine; suturing a wound and

removing sutures; identifying wounds that may be sutured and criteria for removing sutures; signs, symptoms, and emergency treatment for acute abdominal conditions; steps involved in minor surgical procedures; steps for treating an abdominal evisceration; bandaging a sucking chest wound; identifying general principles of nursing care; inserting or simulating inserting a urinary drainage catheter (male and female); inserting a naso-gastric tube; injecting medicine by intramuscular and subcutaneous route; signs, symptoms and treatments for hyperglycemia, anaphylaxis, dehydration, gonorrhea, syphilis, genital herpes, systemic infections, malaria, and hepatitis A and B; signs of alcoholism and drug abuse, signs of and treatment for toothache and other dental problems; signs, symptoms, and treatments for gynecological conditions, pregnancy and childbirth; methods to determine cause of death and how to prepare a body for storage at sea; personal hygiene; preventing disease aboard ship; preventing disease through vaccination; preparing a patient

for evacuation; and methods of cooperation with health authorities in port.

Demonstrations of Skill

In addition to passing a written examination, the competency entitled “Provide medical care to the sick and injured while they remain on board” requires a practical demonstration of skill to assess proficiency. These assessment guidelines establish the conditions under which the assessment will occur, the performance or behavior the candidate is to accomplish, and the standards against which to measure the performance. The examiner should use a checklist in conducting assessments of practical demonstrations of skill. Checklists allow a training institution or designated examiner to avoid overlooking critical tasks when evaluating a candidate’s practical demonstration. Training institutions and designated examiners should develop their own checklists for use in conducting the assessments in a complete and structured manner.

TABLE A–VI/4–2.—GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT—SPECIFICATION OF MINIMUM STANDARD OF COMPETENCE—PERSONS IN CHARGE OF MEDICAL CARE

STCW competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Performance condition	Performance behavior	Performance standard
Provide medical care to the sick and injured while they remain on board.	Care of the casualty involving head and spinal injuries*.	In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating a head injury.	The candidate will demonstrate the techniques for conducting a neurological assessment.	The candidate correctly demonstrates the following assessment techniques and states the significance of each finding: 1. Pupillary reaction; 2. Level of consciousness; 3. Verbal communication; and 4. Sensory motor status.
	Care of the casualty involving injuries to ear, nose, throat and eye*.	In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating a bleed from the ear.	The candidate will use external bandages to control bleeding from the ear.	The candidate correctly: Applies an external bandage to stem bleeding of the ear; and 2. Does not pack the ear.
		In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating a nose bleed.	The candidate will demonstrate the proper techniques to stop bleeding from the nose.	The candidate: 1. Positions the patient sitting upright with the head tilted forward; 2. Pinches the bridge of the nose; and 3. places ice on the back of the neck or the forehead.
		In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating an object impaled in the eye.	The candidate will demonstrate the proper method of bandaging an eye impaled by a foreign object.	The student: 1. Immobilizes the object impaled in eye; and 2. bandages both the affected and unaffected eye.

TABLE A—VI/4–2.—GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT—SPECIFICATION OF MINIMUM STANDARD OF COMPETENCE—PERSONS IN CHARGE OF MEDICAL CARE—Continued

STCW competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Performance condition	Performance behavior	Performance standard
	Care of the casualty involving external and internal bleeding*.	In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating a foreign liquid or solid substance in the eye. In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating a soft-tissue injury to the throat. In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating bleeding wound. In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating an arterial bleed of an extremity.	The candidate will demonstrate the proper method of treating a foreign liquid or solid substance in the eye. The candidate will demonstrate the proper method of treating a soft-tissue injury to the throat. The candidate will demonstrate application of pressure dressing and location of pressure points. The candidate will state when to use a tourniquet.	The candidate flushes the affected eye for at least 20 minutes with copious amount of water (saline, if immediately available) to wash away chemicals or solid particles. The student: 1. Anticipates a compromised airway; and 2. Maintains airway management techniques. The candidate correctly demonstrates the: 1. Location of the brachial and femoral pressure points; and 2. Application of a pressure dressing at the wound site. The candidate correctly states that a tourniquet will only be applied when: 1. All other methods of controlling bleeding have failed; and 2. Continued bleeding is life-threatening.
	Care of the casualty involving fractures, dislocations and muscular injuries*.	In a graded practical exercise, given a patient simulating a fracture of the ankle and a dislocated shoulder, and materials for splinting.	The candidate will demonstrate the splinting of an ankle fracture and immobilization of a dislocated shoulder.	The candidate correctly applies a pillow splint to an ankle fracture, following the following procedures: 1. Manually stabilizes the fractured ankle or leg; 2. Assesses distal neuro-vascular function; 3. Applies pillow to the ankle and lower leg, wrapping it around the ankle and leg and keeping the foot exposed; 4. Secures pillow using cravats or other device to tie ends together; 5. Re-assesses distal neuro-vascular function; and 6. Seeks medical advice by radio. The candidate correctly immobilizes a dislocated shoulder using the following procedures: 1. Assesses distal neuro-vascular; 2. Applies sling using triangular bandage or commercial-type sling (knot of sling should not be pressing on neck); 3. Using a cravat or other binding, applies a swath over sling and around body; and 4. Re-assesses distal neuro-vascular functions.

TABLE A—VI/4–2.—GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT—SPECIFICATION OF MINIMUM STANDARD OF COMPETENCE—PERSONS IN CHARGE OF MEDICAL CARE—Continued

STCW competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Performance condition	Performance behavior	Performance standard
	Care of the casualty involving techniques of sewing and clamping*.	In a graded practical exercise, given a simulated wound, suturing needle and thread, clamps, and suture-removal scissors.	The candidate will demonstrate a method to suture a wound and method to remove sutures.	The candidate correctly demonstrates a standard instrument tie to include the following: 1. Ties all knots to one side of the wound; 2. Begins sutures at center of wound and proceeds outward; and 3. Uses strategic sutures to match up obvious points in irregular wounds. The candidate correctly demonstrates suture removal to include the following: 1. Lifts suture with forceps; 2. Cuts suture near skin surface; and 3. Pulls suture out holding the knotted end of the suture. The candidate correctly demonstrates the following: 1. Surveys and determines the entrance (and exit) wound(s); 2. Covers wound(s) with occlusive dressing; 3. Tapes three sides of the dressing over the wound; and 4. Monitors respiratory effort of victim.
		In a graded practical evaluation, given a simulated chest wound, occlusive dressing materials, and tape.	The candidate will bandage a sucking chest wound.	The candidate correctly demonstrates the following: 1. Surveys and determines the entrance (and exit) wound(s); 2. Covers wound(s) with occlusive dressing; 3. Tapes three sides of the dressing over the wound; and 4. Monitors respiratory effort of victim.
	Nursing care*	In a graded practical evaluation, given a real patient or urinary-catheterization simulator, and supplies for urinary-catheter insertion.	The candidate will insert or simulate inserting a urinary-drainage catheter (male and female).	The candidate correctly demonstrates the following: 1. Maintenance of correct sterile techniques; 2. Cleansing of the meatus; 3. Lubrication of the catheter; 4. Insertion of the catheter into urethra until urine drains; and 5. Opening of the roller clamp of the tubing.
		In a graded practical evaluation, given a mannequin and supplies for nasogastric tube insertion.	The candidate will insert a naso-gastric tube.	The candidate correctly demonstrates the following: 1. Utilizes proper precautions for isolating bodily substances; 2. Measures length of tube to insert; 3. Lubricates tube; 4. Positions patient; 5. Inserts tube through nose; 6. Demonstrates one test to confirm placement; and 7. Secures tube to nose with tape.

TABLE A—VI/4—2.—GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT—SPECIFICATION OF MINIMUM STANDARD OF COMPETENCE—PERSONS IN CHARGE OF MEDICAL CARE—Continued

STCW competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Performance condition	Performance behavior	Performance standard
		In a graded practical evaluation, given a real or simulated patient, and supplies for injections of medicine.	The candidate will administer medication injection by intramuscular route.	The candidate: 1. Confirms the medicine order, calculates proper dosage, identifies correct medicine and confirmed expiration date; 2. Draws up correct dosage from medicine vial using sterile technique, checking medicine to medicine order at least three times and using correct needle and syringe for injection based on location of injection and amount of medicine; 3. Locates the injection site (deltoid, gluteus, or vastus lateralis); 4. Cleanses the injection site with alcohol pad using circular motion; 5. Inserts the needle into muscle at 90° angle; and 6. Aspirates the syringe, and, if no blood, injects the medication.
		In a graded practical evaluation, given a real or simulated patient, and supplies for injections of medicine.	The candidate will inject medicine by subcutaneous route.	The candidate: 1. Confirms the medicine order, calculates proper dosage, identifies correct medicine and confirmed expiration date; 2. Draws up the correct dosage from medicine vial using sterile technique, checking medicine to medicine order at least three times and using correct needle and syringe for injection based on location of injection and amount of medicine; 3. Locates the injection site; 4. Cleanses the injection site with alcohol pad using circular motion; 5. Inserts the needle into subcutaneous tissue at 45° angle; and 6. Aspirates the syringe, and, if no blood, injects the medicine.

* Indicates a proficiency from Table A—VI/4—2

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2001-94]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of dispositions of certain petitions previously received. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Forest Rawls (202) 267-8033, Sandy Buchanan-Sumter (202) 267-7271, or Vanessa Wilkins (202) 267-8029, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on December 13, 2001.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: FAA-2001-9815 (previously Docket No. 29397).

Petitioner: Japan Airlines Company, Ltd.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 145.47(b).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit JAL to use the calibration standards of the Metrology Institute of Japan in lieu of the calibration standards of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, to test its inspection and test equipment. *Grant, 10/31/2001, Exemption No. 7050A.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-11025.

Petitioner: Miller Aviation, L.L.C.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR § 135.143(c)(12).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit MAL to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in the aircraft. *Grant, 11/21/2001, Exemption No. 7663.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-10984 (previously Docket No. 28842).

Petitioner: Air Tahoma.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR § 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Air Tahoma to operate certain aircraft under part 135 without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in the aircraft. *Grant, 11/21/2001, Exemption No. 7664.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-9786 (previously Docket No. 26029).

Petitioner: ABX Air, Inc., dba Airborne Express.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR §§ 121.503(b), 121.505(a), and 121.511(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit ABX flightcrews consisting of two pilots and one flight engineer to complete certain transcontinental flight schedules before being provided with at least 16 hours of rest. *Grant, 11/23/2001, Exemption No. 5167F.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-10587.

Petitioner: American Airlines, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 121.457(a) and V.A.1. of Appendix I to part 121.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit American employees performing safety-sensitive functions for TWA Airlines LLC to perform identical functions for American without being subject to additional preemployment drug testing. *Grant, 11/14/2001, Exemption No. 7661.*

Docket No.: FAA-2001-9942.

Petitioner: McMahon Helicopter Services.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR § 135.152(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit MHS to operate its three Sikorsky S-58T helicopters (Registration Nos. N58S, N589S, and N598S, and Serial Nos. 1502, 740, and 1196, respectively) without those helicopters being equipped with an approved digital flight data recorder. *Grant, 11/14/2001, Exemption No. 7662.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 196: Night Vision Goggle (NVG) Appliances and Equipment

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 196 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 199: Night Vision Goggle (NVG) Appliances and Equipment.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 2, 2002, starting at 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Northrop Grumman Electro-Optical Systems, 12024 Forestgate Drive, Dallas, TX 75243. *This meeting will also take place by telecon. Please RSVP to Lorry Faber (609-485-5461 or Lorry.Faber@faa.gov) or Jim Winkel (972-840-5775 or jwinkel@LITTON-EOS.com) if you intend to participate by telephone. Those parties interested in attending the meeting at the Dallas location need to RSVP NLT December 20th, 2001.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 196 meeting. The agenda will include:

- January 2:
- Opening Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Agenda Overview, Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting).
- Overview of SC-196 Working Group Activities.
- Operational Concept/Requirements.
- Minimum Operational Performance Standard (MOPS)—Night Vision Imaging Systems Equipment.
- Working Group 5 (Training Guidelines/Considerations).
- EUROCAE Working Group 57 Activities.
- Other NVG Regulatory and Advisory Group Activities.
- Advisory Circular 27-1B and Advisory Circular 29-2C Amendment for inclusion of NVG Certification of Normal and Transport Category Rotorcraft.
- Technical Standard Order for Night Vision Goggles.