

Trade Representative, may be accommodated in the process described below.

A. Opportunities for Public Comment

The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC invites comments in support of, or in opposition to, any of the petitions that have been accepted for review by the TPSC. Submissions should comply with 15 CFR Part 2007, including sections 2007.0, and 2007.1. All submissions should identify the subject article(s) in terms of the current Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") nomenclature.

Any comments should be accompanied by fourteen (14) copies, and submitted, in English, to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. Information submitted will be subject to public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR public reading room, except for information submitted in confidence pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.7. If the document contains business confidential information, an original and fourteen (14) copies of a public version of the submission along with an original and fourteen (14) copies of the confidential version must be submitted. In addition, any document containing confidential information should be clearly marked "business confidential" at the top and bottom of each page of the document. The public version should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of every page (either "public version" or "nonconfidential"). Comments should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on February 5, 2001.

B. Notice of Public Hearings

Hearings will be held on March 9, 2001 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representatives, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC. The hearings will be open to the public and a transcript of the hearings will be made available for public inspection or can be purchased from the reporting company. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

All interested parties wishing to present oral testimony at the hearings must submit the name, address, and telephone number of the witness(es) representing their organization to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee. Such requests to present oral testimony at the public hearings should be accompanied by fourteen (14) copies, in English, of a written brief or statement, and should be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 23, 2001. Oral testimony before the GSP Subcommittee will be

limited to five minute presentations that summarize or supplement information contained in the briefs or statements submitted for the record. Post-hearing and rebuttal briefs or statements should conform to the regulations cited above and be submitted in fourteen (14) copies, in English, no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 6, 2001. Interested persons not wishing to appear at the public hearings may also submit pre-hearing written briefs or statements by 5:00 p.m. on February 23, 2001 and post-hearing and rebuttal written briefs or statements by April 6, 2001.

Jon Rosenbaum,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Approval of Noise Compatibility Program; Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Hebron, KY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the noise compatibility program update submitted by Kenton County Airport Board (KCAB) under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) and 14 CFR Part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On June 8, 2000, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by Kenton County Airport Board under Part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On December 5, 2000, the Administrator approved the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Noise Compatibility Program Update. Twenty-two measures were approved; four measures were approved in part or with clarification; and one measure did not require approval at this time. One measure was withdrawn by KCAB November 22, 2000 pending further evaluation. In addition, twelve measures included in the program did not require FAA action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's approval of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Noise Compatibility Program Update is December 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy S. Kelley, 3385 Airways Blvd., Suite 302, Memphis, Tennessee 38116-3841, telephone 901-544-3495 extension 19. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the noise, compatibility program for Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, effective December 5, 2000.

Under section 104(a) of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator who has previously submitted a noise exposure map may submit to the FAA a noise compatibility program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing noncompatible land used within the area covered by the noise exposure maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in Part 150 and the Act and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The noise compatibility program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing noncompatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types of classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal Government; and

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable

airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport noise compatibility program are delineated in FAR Part 150, § 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under Federal, state or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute a FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and a FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in aid funding from the FAA. Where federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Airports District Office in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Kenton County Airport Board submitted to the FAA on May 2, 2000, the noise exposure maps, descriptions, and other documentation produced during the FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study Update, initiated August 1998. The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport noise exposure maps were determined by FAA to be in compliance with applicable requirements on June 8, 2000. Notice of this determination was published in the Federal Register on June 16, 2000.

The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Noise Compatibility Program Update contains a proposed noise compatibility program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from the date of study completion beyond the year 2005. It was requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as a noise compatibility program as described in section 104(b) of the Act. The FAA began its review of the program on June 8, 2000, and was required by provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days (other than the use of new flight procedures for noise control). Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed an approval of such a program.

The submitted program contained sixteen (16) operational measures, eighteen (18) land use measures and six (6) implementation measures. The FAA completed its review and determined

that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied. The overall program, therefore, was approved by the Administrator effective December 5, 2000.

Approval for Part 150 was granted, in total or in part, for ten (10) of the proposed operational (noise abatement) measures; one measure was withdrawn for additional study; four measures did not require approval, and one measure was deferred until the environmental analysis and FAA decision concerning the associated runway development proposal is completed and FAA has evaluated the measure for safety and efficiency. Approval was granted, in total or in part, for sixteen (16) of the land use and implementation actions. Eight (8) of the land use and implementation actions did not require approval. Land use mitigation measures include voluntary acquisition, purchase assurance, and sound insulation of residences, sound insulation for eligible schools and churches, purchase of undeveloped approved residential lots, and support of Boone County Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan compatible land use policies.

These determinations are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval endorsed by the Administrator on December 5, 2000. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Second Floor, Terminal One, Hebron, Kentucky.

Dated: Issued in Memphis Airports District Office, Memphis, Tennessee, December 15, 2000.

LaVerne F. Reid,

Manager, Memphis Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Approval of Modifications to Noise Compatibility Program Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport Sarasota, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on a modification to the noise compatibility program submitted by the

Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) and 14 CFR part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On May 7, 1996 and April 15, 1997, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority under part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On October 9, 1997, the Administrator approved the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport noise compatibility program. On December 1, 2000, the Administrator approved a modification to the noise compatibility program. All of the program measures in the modification were fully approved.

DATES: The effective date of the FAA's approval of modifications to the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport noise compatibility program is December 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tommy J. Pickering, P.E., Federal Aviation Administration, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazelton National Drive, Suite 400, Orlando, Florida 32822, (407) 812-6331, Extension 29. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the noise compatibility program modification for Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, effective December 1, 2000.

Under Section 104(a) of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator who has previously submitted a noise exposure map may submit to the FAA a noise compatibility program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing noncompatible land uses and prevention of additional noncompatible land uses within the area covered by the noise exposure maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

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