

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Proposed Advisory Circular; Bird Ingestion Certification Standards**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed advisory circular and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) No. 33.76-1, Bird Ingestion Certification Standards.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed AC to the Federal Aviation Administration, Attn: Engine and Propeller Standards Staff, ANE-110, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA, 01803-5299.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marc Bouthillier, Engine and Propeller Standards Staff, ANE-110, at the above address, telephone (781) 238-7120, fax (781) 238-7199. A copy of the subject AC may also be obtained electronically by writing to the following Internet address: "marc.bouthillier@faa.gov". Additionally, you may obtain a copy of the draft AC directly from the internet at the following address <http://www.faa.gov/avr/air/acs/draftach.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Comments Invited**

A copy of the subject AC may be obtained by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC, and to submit such written data, views, or arguments as they desire. Commenters must identify the subject of the AC, and subject comments in duplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, before issuance of the final AC.

Background

This draft advisory circular (AC) provides guidance and acceptable methods, but not the only methods, that may be used to demonstrate compliance with the bird ingestion requirements of § 33.76 of the Federal Regulations, Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations once that regulation becomes final. A proposal to amend the Federal Aviation

Regulations by adding a new section, § 33.76, was published in the **Federal Register** on December 11, 1998 (64 FR 68635). Although this draft AC does refer to regulatory requirements that would be mandatory, this draft AC is not, in itself, mandatory. This AC would neither change any regulatory requirements nor authorizes changes in or deviations from the regulatory requirements.

This effort was adopted as a part 33 and Joint Aviation Regulations for engines (JAR-E) harmonization project and was selected as an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) project. This draft AC provides information and guidance that addresses Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) type certification standards for aircraft turbine engines with regard to bird ingestion. The requirements under § 33.76 reflect recent analysis of the bird threat encountered in service by turbine engine powered aircraft.

This advisory circular, published under the authority granted to the Administrator by 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701-44702, 44704, provides guidance for these proposed requirements.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on April 12, 2000.

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Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket Number: MARAD-2000-7246]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel PUFFIN.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S. build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD

determines that in accordance with Pub.L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7246. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR 832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (less than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commentator's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested: Name of vessel: Sailing Vessel PUFFIN. U.S. Documentation Number 697029. Owner: Thomas B. Brener.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant "PUFFIN is a fractional sloop rigged sailing vessel 35.8 feet in length with a gross registered tonnage of 9 tons pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 14502. She has a 4.8' draft with a steady and stable wing keel and a flush deck. She would carry no more than 6 paying passengers."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "My own approach to the teaching of sailing and exploration is specific and is not offered by any other organization or individual in the intended use areas in U.S. East Coast waters from Delaware Bay to Rhode Island and in the Atlantic Waters of South-Central Florida. A day or week aboard "PUFFIN" will be an experience that combines the discovery of new places, fish, plants, animals and birds with the sense of sailing and the feel of the elements. It is my hope to be able to open up new vistas for anyone, including the physically challenged, the deaf and the blind. This particular vessel is an ideal vessel for the purposes of teaching sailing through feel and touch. She is a non-polluting, stable, small, shallow draft sailing platform capable of a long run offshore for those who may want to see a bird migration from a perch in the near coastal Atlantic Ocean. The cost for such an excursion would be about \$300 a day including the captain."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1985, place of construction: Alkmaar, Holland.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "My own approach to the teaching of sailing and exploration is specific and is not offered by any other organization or individual in the intended use areas in U.S. East Coast waters from Delaware Bay to Rhode Island and in the Atlantic Waters of South-Central Florida."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "Given that this will be a small private enterprise working, at times, in conjunction with not-for-profit concerns that would be performing a service that historically provides a very small financial return; there will be no impact on U.S. shipyards. U.S. production shipyards to not manufacture a vessel such as "PUFFIN" and the market for such a vessel is very small, possibly non-existent. The cost to build a similarly equipped vessel based on the attached survey would be \$190,000. Given that

the estimated return would net less than \$15,000 per year after expenses, there is clearly no economic justification to construct a new vessel for this purpose."

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: April 14, 2000.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In 1991 the IRS established the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) in response to a recommendation made by the United States Congress. The primary purpose of IRPAC is to provide an organized public forum for discussion of relevant information reporting issues between the officials of the IRS and representatives of the payer/practitioner community. IRPAC offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures and, when necessary, suggests ways to improve the operation of the Information Reporting Program (IRP).

There will be a meeting of IRPAC on Thursday, May 11, 2000. The meeting will be held in Room 3313 of the Internal Revenue Service Main Building, which is located at 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. A summarized version of the agenda along with a list of topics that are planned to be discussed are listed below.

Summarized Agenda for Meeting

9:00 Meeting Opens
11:30 Break for Lunch
1:00 Meeting Resumes
4:00 Meeting Adjourns

The topics that are planned to be covered are as follows:

- (1) IRPAC Paper on Electronic Payee Statements
- (2) IRPAC Paper on the Threshold for Reporting Interest on Canadian Deposit Accounts
- (3) IRPAC Paper on Reporting Cancellation of Indebtedness Income
- (4) IRS Update on the New Section 1441 Regulation

- (5) IRPAC Paper on Expanding the Combined Federal/State Information Return Filing Program
- (6) IRPAC Paper on Tax Certifications for Disregarded Entities
- (7) IRPAC Update on IRPAC's Articles in the "SSA/IRS Reporter"
- (8) IRS Update on Proposed Changes to Form W-2, Form 1099-DIV, and Form 1099-MISC
- (9) IRS Update on Proposed Changes to the Form SS-8
- (10) IRPAC Paper on Reporting the Revocation of a Roth IRA
- (11) IRPAC Paper on Reporting Recharacterizations and Reconversions
- (12) IRS Update on the Proposed Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Matching System
- (13) IRS Update on the IRS/SSA Magnetic Media/Electronic Filing Seminars for 2000

Note: Last minute changes to these topics are possible and could prevent advance notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRPAC currently reports to the National Director, Office of Specialty Taxes, who is the executive responsible for information reporting payer compliance. IRPAC is instrumental in providing advice to enhance the IRP Program. Increasing participation by external stakeholders in the planning and improvement of the tax system will help achieve the goals of increasing voluntary compliance, reducing burden, and improving customer service.

IRPAC is currently comprised of representatives from various segments of the information reporting payer/practitioner community. IRPAC members are not paid for their time or services, but consistent with Federal regulations, they are reimbursed for their travel and lodging expenses to attend two public meetings each year.

DATES: The meeting will be open to the public, and will be in a room that accommodates approximately 80 people, including members of IRPAC and IRS officials. Seats are available to members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to get your name on the building access list, *notification of intent to attend this meeting must be made with Ms.*

Thomasine Matthews no later than Monday, May 8, 2000. Ms. Matthews can be reached by e-mail at thomasine.mathews@irs.gov, or by telephone at 202-622-4214. Notification of intent to attend should include your name, organization and phone number. If you leave this information for Ms. Matthews in a voice-mail message, please spell out all names.

A draft of the agenda will be available via e-mail or facsimile transmission the week prior to the meeting. Please call or