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#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 1222

Administrative practice and procedure, Advertising, Labeling, Marketing agreements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 7411–7425; 7 U.S.C. 7401.

**Erin Morris,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Parts 21 and 25

[Docket No. FAA–2023–1463]

#### Draft Notice Regarding Submittal and Disclosure of Safety Critical Information by Applicants for Transport Category Airplane Type Certificates

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This draft Notice, as part of the FAA’s implementation of the Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act, would provide additional guidance regarding the process for applying for a new or amended type certificate (TC) for a transport category airplane. This guidance would facilitate the provision of safety critical information about the applicant’s proposed design to the FAA. **DATES:** Comments on the draft Notice must be received on or before August 25, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments with the subject line, “Submittal and Disclosure of Safety Critical Information by Applicants for Transport Category Airplane Type Certificates” identified by docket number FAA–2023–1463, using the following method:

- *Federal eRegulations Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30, U.S. Department of

Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery of Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m., and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202–493–2251.

*Privacy:* In addition to the final Notice, the FAA will post all comments it receives, without change, to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information the commenter provides. DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–19478), as well as at <https://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sue McCormick, Product Policy Management: Systems Standards Section, AIR–63A, Organization and Systems Policy Branch, Policy and Standards Division, Aircraft Certification Service, by email at [susan.mccormick@faa.gov](mailto:susan.mccormick@faa.gov), or by phone at (206) 231–3242.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Discussion

Section 105(a) of the Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act, Public Law 116–260 (the Act), mandates that the Administrator require the submittal and disclosure of safety critical information by applicants for, or holders of, TCs for transport category airplanes covered under title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 25. As detailed in the draft Notice, the Act defines safety critical information.

Applicants for transport airplane type certificates currently submit safety critical information with their initial certification plan, and throughout their project. However, it may not be clearly demarcated as safety critical. Therefore, as part of its interim implementation of Section 105(a), the FAA plans to issue a Notice to supplement its application processes to provide guidance for applicants to delineate safety critical information. A draft of the Notice may be examined in the docket and at [https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/draft\\_docs](https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/draft_docs).

#### Comments Invited

The FAA invites the public to submit comments on the draft Notice, as specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notification. Commenters should include the subject line, “Submittal and Disclosure of Safety Critical Information

by Applicants for Transport Category Airplane Type Certificates” and the docket number on all comments submitted to the FAA. The most helpful comments will reference a specific recommendation, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting information. The FAA will consider all comments received on or before the closing date, before issuing the final Notice. The FAA will also consider late-filed comments if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 21, 2023.

**Brian Cable,**

*Manager, Organization and Systems Policy Branch, Policy and Standards Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Parts 21 and 25

[Docket No. FAA–2023–1383]

#### Draft Policy Statement Regarding Classification of Type Design Changes That Would Materially Alter Safety Critical Information as Major Type Design Changes

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

**ACTION:** Notification of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** A draft policy statement would state that proposed type design changes that would materially alter safety critical information have the potential to affect airworthiness, and therefore do not qualify as minor design changes.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft policy statement must be received on or before August 25, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments with the subject line, “Classification of Type Design Changes That Would Materially Alter Safety Critical Information as Major Type Design Changes” identified by docket number FAA–2023–1383, using the following method:

- *Federal eRegulations Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- **Hand Delivery of Courier:** Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m., and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Fax:** Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

**Privacy:** In addition to the final policy statement, the FAA will post all comments it receives, without change, to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information the commenter provides. DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-19478), as well as at <https://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sue McCormick, Product Policy Management: Systems Standards Section, AIR-63A, Organization and Systems Policy Branch, Policy and Standards Division, Aircraft Certification Service, by email at [susan.mccormick@faa.gov](mailto:susan.mccormick@faa.gov), or by phone at (206) 231-3242.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Discussion

Section 105(a) of the Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act, Public Law 116-260 (the Act), defines five categories of "safety critical information" and instructs the FAA to take a variety of actions related to the submittal of such information by applicants for, or holders of, type certificates for transport category airplanes. These five categories of information all relate to the airplane's airworthiness characteristics. A proposed design change that would have an appreciable effect on an airworthiness characteristic of a product must be evaluated as a major, rather than minor, change. 14 CFR 21.93, 21.95, and 21.97. Therefore, the FAA plans to issue a policy statement stating that a proposed design change to a transport category airplane that would materially alter safety critical information would have an appreciable effect on the airplane's airworthiness, and therefore would not qualify as a minor change. A draft of the policy statement may be examined in the docket and at [https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/draft\\_docs](https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/draft_docs).

##### Comments Invited

The FAA invites the public to submit comments on the draft policy statement, as specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notification. Commenters should include the subject line, "Classification of Type Design Changes That Would

Materially Alter Safety Critical Information as Major Type Design Changes" and the docket number on all comments submitted to the FAA. The most helpful comments will reference a specific recommendation, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting information. The FAA will consider all comments received on or before the closing date, before issuing the final policy statement. The FAA will also consider late-filed comments if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Brian Cable,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### 22 CFR Parts 50, 51, and 71

[Public Notice: 11999]

RIN 1400-AF54

#### Third-Party Attendance at Appointments for Passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA), and Certain Other Services

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Department proposes a rule to provide that private attorneys, interpreters, and other third parties may attend certain appointments at passport agencies and centers and at U.S. embassies and consulates abroad to assist the person requesting services (the applicant/requester). This rulemaking permitting third-party attendance will apply only to appointments in support of an application for a U.S. passport, either domestically or overseas; to appointments related to a request for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad or a Certificate of Loss of Nationality of the United States (CLN); and to other appointments for certain other services offered by American Citizens Services (ACS) units at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas (posts). In addition, the Department is proposing technical corrections to clarify who may act as a consular officer for purposes of the Protection and Welfare of Citizens and their Property.

**DATES:** The Department of State will accept comments until September 25, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may submit comments to the Department by any of the following methods:

- **Visit the Regulations.gov website at:** <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for the docket number DOS-2023-0008.

- **Email:** [PassportOfficeofAdjudicationGeneral@state.gov](mailto:PassportOfficeofAdjudicationGeneral@state.gov). You must include AF54 in the subject line of your message.

- All comments should include the commenter's name, the organization the commenter represents, if applicable, and the commenter's address. If the Department is unable to read your comment for any reason, and cannot contact you for clarification, the Department may not be able to consider your comment. After the conclusion of the comment period, the Department will publish a Final Rule (in which it will address relevant comments) as expeditiously as possible.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Tinianow, Office of Adjudication, Passport Services, (202) 485-8800, or email [PassportOfficeofAdjudicationGeneral@state.gov](mailto:PassportOfficeofAdjudicationGeneral@state.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicants appearing for passport and/or Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBA) appointments or seeking certain other services as described below at an American Citizens Services (ACS) unit overseas, occasionally request that a private attorney, interpreter, and/or other third party physically accompany them to the appointment. In order to clarify worldwide guidelines for third-party attendance at appointments for a passport (either at a U.S. domestic agency or center or overseas), CRBA, or certain other services offered by the ACS Unit at an overseas post, the Department proposes to amend 22 CFR parts 50, 51, and 71 to address when attorneys and/or other third parties may attend an appointment for a U.S. passport, CRBA, Certificate of Loss of Nationality of the United States (CLN), or for certain other U.S. citizen services offered at post by the ACS unit overseas. Although Department guidance has permitted third-party attendance at such appointments in the past, the Department has not promulgated a regulation regarding third-party attendance. Based on our determination that domestic passport agencies and centers and ACS units at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas generally have the capacity to accommodate third-party attendance at such appointments under existing policy, the Department proposes to publish regulations not only to provide greater transparency to the public but also an explicit framework through which the Department, including the Diplomatic Security Service and Chiefs of Mission, may