

A Ordinary, par 25 p  
 WILLIAM BAIRD PLC  
 Ordinary shares, par 50 p  
 WILLIAMS HOLDINGS PLC  
 Ordinary shares, par 25 p  
 WILLIS CORROON GROUP PLC  
 Ordinary shares, par 12.5 p  
 WILSON (CONNOLLY) HOLDINGS PLC  
 Ordinary shares, par 25 p  
 WITAN INVESTMENT COMPANY PLC  
 Ordinary shares, par 25 p  
 WOLSELEY PLC  
 Ordinary shares, par 25 p  
 YORKSHIRE ELECTRICITY GROUP  
 PLC  
 Ordinary shares, par .5682 p  
 ZENECA GROUP PLC  
 Ordinary shares, par 25 p

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting by its Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation pursuant to delegated authority (12 CFR 265.7(f)(10)), July 23, 1996.

William W. Wiles,  
*Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 90-CE-60-AD; Amendment 39-9654; AD 96-12-12]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### **Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. (Formerly Piper Aircraft Corporation) Models PA31, PA31-300, PA31-325, and PA31-350 Airplanes; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This action makes a correction to Airworthiness Directive (AD) 96-12-12, which was published in the Federal Register on June 6, 1996 (61 FR 28733), and concerns The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. Models PA31, PA31-300, PA31-325, and PA31-350 airplanes. That publication incorrectly references the date for the instructions to Piper Kit 763-917 as "revised June 18, 1980" instead of "revised June 18, 1990." The AD currently requires repetitively inspecting the upper section of the Fuselage Station (FS) 317.75 bulkhead for cracks, and incorporating one of two reinforcement kits depending on whether cracks are found in the FS 317.75 bulkhead area. This action corrects the AD to reflect the correct

date of the instructions to Piper Kit 763-917.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 16, 1996.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christina Marsh, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office, Campus Building, 1701 Columbia Avenue, suite 2-160, College Park, Georgia 30337-2748; telephone (404) 305-7362; facsimile (404) 305-7348.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 30, 1996, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued AD 96-12-12, Amendment 39-9654 (61 FR 28733, June 6, 1996), which applies to Piper Models PA31, PA31-300, PA31-325, and PA31-350 airplanes. This AD requires repetitively inspecting the upper section of the Fuselage Station (FS) 317.75 bulkhead for cracks, and incorporating one of two reinforcement kits depending on whether cracks are found in the FS 317.75 bulkhead area.

#### **Need for the Correction**

Paragraph (a)(2) of the AD incorrectly references the date for the instructions to Piper Kit 763-917 as "revised June 18, 1980" instead of "revised June 18, 1990." Affected individuals who try to obtain these instructions as currently referenced would not be able to because (as referenced as June 18, 1980) the instructions do not exist.

#### **Correction of Publication**

Accordingly, the publication of June 6, 1996 (61 FR 28732), of Amendment 39-9654; AD 96-12-12, which was the subject of FR Doc. 96-14174, is corrected as follows:

#### **Section 39.13 [Corrected]**

On page 28733, in the third column, section 39.13, paragraph (a) (2) of the AD, the 13th line from the top of the column, correct "revised June 18, 1980" to "revised June 18, 1990."

Action is taken herein to correct this reference in AD 96-12-12 and to add this AD correction to section 39.13 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 39.13). The effective date remains July 16, 1996.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri on July 22, 1996.

Michael Gallagher,

*Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### 22 CFR Part 131

[Public Notice 2413]

#### **Bureau of Administration; Certificates of Authentication**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule amends Department of State regulations on issuance of certificates of authentication to provide for Assistant Authentication Officers, in addition to the Authentication Officer and Acting Authentication Officer, to authenticate documents on behalf of the Secretary of State.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** July 31, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** K.E. Malmberg, Attorney Adviser, Officer of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, 22d and C Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20520, Telephone (202) 647-5154.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 22 CFR part 131 was issued in 1957. At that time, the volume of authentications of legal documents for use outside the United States and of foreign legal documents for use within the United States was such that the Department of State Authentication Officer, or Acting Authentication Officer, could perform the authentication function. The volume of such authentications is now such that, even with the entry into force for the United States of the Convention abolishing the requirement of legalisation for foreign public documents of October 5, 1961 (33 UST 883), it is no longer practical for a single officer to perform this function. In order to enable the Department to respond more effectively to the needs of the public, this rule provides for additional officers to exercise authority to authenticate documents.

This rule relates to internal agency management. Therefore, pursuant to 5 USC 553, notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for comment are not required, and this rule may be made effective less than 30-days after publication in the Federal Register. Further, since this rule relates to internal agency management, it is exempt from the provisions of Executive Orders 12778 and 12866. Also, this rule is not a major rule and will not cause a significant economic impact or other substantial effect on small entities. Therefore, the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 USC 601 *et seq.*, do not apply. Nor does the rule impose unfunded mandates requiring analysis under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Because this is a rule of

agency organization, it is not required to be submitted to the Congress and the General Accounting Officer under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996; however, it is anticipated that having additional authentication officers will expedite the processing of authentication requests by small entities.

#### List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 131

Seals and insignia.

Accordingly, under the authority of 5 USC 301 and 553 and 22 USC 2651a, § 131.1 is revised to read as follows:

The Authentication Officer, Acting Authentication Officer, or any Assistant Authentication Officer designated by either of the former officers may, and is hereby authorized to, sign and issue certificates of authentication under the seal of the Department of State for and in the name of the Secretary of State or the Acting Secretary of State. The form of authentication shall be as follows:

In testimony whereof, I,  
\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of State have  
hereunto caused the seal of the Department  
of State to be affixed and my name  
subscribed by the Authentication Officer,  
Acting Authentication Officer, or an  
Assistant Authentication Officer, of the said  
Department, at \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

(Secretary of State)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_\_) Authentication  
Officer, Department of State)  
(22 U.S.C. 2651a)

Dated: July 12, 1996.

Patrick F. Kennedy,  
Assistant Secretary for Administration.  
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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### 22 CFR Part 514

#### Exchange Visitor Program

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** To facilitate use of the short-term scholar category for the purpose of participation in the Exchange Visitor Program, the Agency is extending the permitted period of program participation as a short-term scholar from four months to six months.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This rule is effective July 30, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stanley S. Colvin, Assistant General Counsel, United States Information

Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547; Telephone, (202) 619-4979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 10, 1996 the Agency adopted a final rule governing eligibility for Exchange Visitor Program participation as a professor or research scholar. This final rule, which amended § 514.20 of the Exchange Visitor Program regulations, limits program participation as a professor or research scholar to nonimmigrant aliens who have not been physically present in the United States, in J visa status, for all or part of the twelve month period preceding their entry into the United States as a professor or research scholar participant.

An exception to this rule was provided to nonimmigrant aliens present in the United States for less than six months or whose presence in the United States was pursuant to program participation as a short-term scholar. Accordingly, both to facilitate use of the short-term scholar category and to conform the period of program duration of the short-term scholar category to the exception permitted by § 514.20(d), the Agency hereby extends the period of program duration for this category from four months to six months.

#### List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 514

Cultural exchange programs.

Dated: July 24, 1996.

Les Jin,  
General Counsel.

Accordingly, 22 CFR part 514 is amended as follows:

### PART 514—EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

1. The authority citation for part 514 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J), 1182, 1258; 22 U.S.C. 1431-1442, 2451-2460; Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1977, 42 FR 62461, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp. p. 200; E.O. 12048, 43 FR 13361, 3 CFR 1978 Comp. p. 168; USIA Delegation Order No. 85-5 (50 FR 27393.)

2. Section 514.21 is amended by revising paragraph (g) to read as follows:

#### § 514.21 Short-term scholars.

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(g) Duration of participation. The short-term scholar shall be authorized to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program for the length of time necessary to complete the program, which time shall not exceed six months. Programs under this section are exempted from § 514.8(b) governing the minimum duration of a program. Extensions

beyond the duration of participation are not permitted under this category.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### 37 CFR Part 1

[Docket No. 960417113-6186-02]

RIN 0651-AA82

### Revision of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 1997

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of final rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) is amending the rules of practice in patent cases to adjust certain patent fee amounts to reflect fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and to recover costs of operation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Harris by telephone at (703) 305-8510, fax at (703) 305-8525, e-mail at rharris@uspto.gov, or by mail marked to his attention and addressed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Crystal Park 1, Suite 1107, Washington, DC 20231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This rule change is designed to adjust PTO fees in accordance with the applicable provisions of title 35, United States Code; and section 10101 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (as amended by section 8001 of Public Law 103-66), all as amended by the Patent and Trademark Office Authorization Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-204).

#### Background

#### Statutory Provisions

Patent fees are authorized by 35 U.S.C. 41 and 35 U.S.C. 376. A fifty percent reduction in the fees paid under 35 U.S.C. 41(a) and (b) by independent inventors, small business concerns, and nonprofit organizations who meet prescribed definitions is required by 35 U.S.C. 41(h).

Subsection 41(f) of title 35, United States Code, provides that fees established under 35 U.S.C. 41(a) and (b) may be adjusted on October 1, 1992, and every year thereafter, to reflect fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the previous 12 months.

Section 10101 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (amended by