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Margaret H. McFarland,  
*Deputy Secretary.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending August 23, 1996

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-1660.

*Date filed:* August 21, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* September 18, 1996.

*Description:* Application of USAir, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41101 and 41108, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the coterminal points Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Boston, Massachusetts; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the terminal point London (Heathrow), United Kingdom.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-1661.

*Date filed:* August 21, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* September 18, 1996.

*Description:* Application of Jet America Charters, Lc. d/b/a Jet America, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing interstate charter air transportation.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-1662.

*Date filed:* August 21, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* September 18, 1996.

*Description:* Application of Jet America Charters, Lc. d/b/a Jet America, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing world wide foreign charter air transportation.

*Docket Number:* OST-96-1664.

*Date filed:* August 23, 1996.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* September 20, 1996.

*Description:* Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations, applies for a new or amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Las Vegas, Nevada, on the one hand, and Mexico City, Mexico, on the other hand. Delta further requests route integration authority to integrate this authority with all of Delta's existing certificate and exemption authority, to the extent permitted by applicable international agreements.

Paulette V. Twine,

*Chief, Documentary Services Division.*

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## Coast Guard

[CGD 96-043]

### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to merchant marine personnel, including safety, training, and qualifications. The meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** A meeting of the working groups will be held on Thursday, September 26, 1996. A meeting of MERPAC will be held on Friday, September 27, 1996. The meetings are scheduled to run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 13, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held in room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Commander Greg Jones, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second

Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Commander Greg Jones, Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0229, fax (202) 267-4570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of September 27, 1996, Meeting

- (1) Subcommittee Reports.
  - (a) International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW).
  - (b) Prevention Through People (PTP).
- (2) Other Issues to be Discussed.
  - (a) Regional Examination Center (REC) Activities.
  - (b) Tankerman regulations—REC enforcement.
  - (c) National Maritime Center—course approvals and examinations.
  - (d) Proposal to reduce the number of forms currently used to issue licenses. This will eliminate outdated license forms.
  - (e) Licensing 2000.
  - (f) Towing industry pilot training and licensing.
  - (g) STCW issues and changes in regulations.
  - (h) As time allows, other issues brought up by the public or MERPAC members.

### Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. At the discretion of the Chairman, members of the public may present oral presentations during the September 27, 1996, meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the September 27, 1996, meeting should notify the Executive Director no later than September 13, 1996. Written material for distribution to the committee should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 13, 1996. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee in advance of a meeting, that person should submit 20 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 13, 1996.

### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 27, 1996.

Joseph J. Angelo,

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-96-43]

### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. 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.

**DATES:** Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before September 19, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: nprmcmts@mail.hq.faa.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Fred Haynes, (202) 267-3939, or Ms. Marisa Mullen, (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7470.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 26, 1996.

Donald P. Byrne,

*Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.*

### Petitions for Exemption

*Docket No:* 28576.

*Petitioner:* Taxi Aero Marilia S.A.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR § 145.47(b).

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit Taxi Aero Marilia S.A., an FAA-certified repair station (NO. QL 4Y470M), to substitute the calibration standards of the Instituto Nacional de Metrologia, Normalizacao e Qualidade Industrial (INMETRO), Brazil's national standards organization, for the calibration standards of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), formerly the National Bureau of Standards, to test its inspection and test equipment.

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[Docket No. 28671; Notice No. 96-13]

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### Explosives Detection Systems

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Amendment to Criteria for Certification of Explosives Detection Systems.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is proposing to amend the current Criteria for Certification of Explosives Detection Systems (hereafter referred to as "Criteria"). This amendment would introduce minimum performance standards for EDS equipment designed to identify detonators. The current Criteria, issued September 10, 1993, include minimum performance standards only for EDS equipment designed to identify main/bulk explosive charges. The proposed amendment would allow the FAA to certify EDS equipment which meets or exceeds either: (1) The minimum performance standards for explosive material categorized as main/bulk explosive charges; or (2) the minimum performance standards for explosive material categorized as detonators. This action is responsive to 49 U.S.C. 44913 [Formerly Section 108 of the Aviation Security Improvement Act of 1990,

Public Law 101-604], which requires the Administrator to certify, prior to mandating its deployment, that EDS equipment "can detect under realistic air carrier operating conditions the amounts, configurations, and types of explosive material which would be likely to be used to cause catastrophic damage to commercial aircraft."

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 29, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this notice should be mailed, in triplicate, to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket (AGC-10), Docket No. 28671, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C., 20591. Comments that include or reference national security information or sensitive security information should not be submitted to the public docket. These comments should be sent to the following address in a manner consistent with applicable requirements and procedures for safeguarding sensitive security information: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Civil Aviation Security Operations, Attention: FAA Security Control Point, Docket No. 28671, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Armen Sahagian, General Engineer (ACP-400), Office of Civil Aviation Security Policy and Planning, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591, telephone (202) 267-7076.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments should identify the docket or notice number and be submitted in triplicate to either the Rules Docket or the FAA Security Control Point address specified above. All comments received, as well as a report summarizing each substantive unclassified public contact with FAA personnel on this notice, will be filed in the docket. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date.

All comments received on or before the closing date will be considered by the Administrator before taking action on this notice. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in light of comments received.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments