

pursuant to Part 215 of the Economic Regulations, request that the Department register its new corporate name as PRESTIGE AIRWAYS, INC., reissue its Certificate in the name PRESTIGE AIRWAYS, INC., and grant such other relief that it may find to be in the public interest. It is further requested that the effective date for all such changes be October 1, 1997.

*Docket Number: OST-97-3011.*

*Date Filed: October 14, 1997.*

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: November 11, 1997.*

*Description:* Joint Application of American International Airways, Inc. and Kitty Hawk Aircargo, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C., Section 41105 and Subpart Q, applies for approval of a de facto transfer of route authority for foreign air transportation held by AIA, to Kitty Hawk, Inc., ("KHI") the parent company of Kitty Hawk.

*Docket Number: OST-97-3017.*

*Date Filed: October 15, 1997.*

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: November 12, 1997.*

*Description:* Application of Sky King, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q, requesting authority to engage in interstate and foreign charter air transportation of persons and property (passenger and cargo).

*Docket Number: OST-97-3020.*

*Date Filed: October 15, 1997.*

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: November 12, 1997.*

*Description:* Application of United Air Lines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41101, Part 210 of the Economic Regulations and Subpart Q of the Department's Regulations, applies for renewal of its Experimental Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Route 246 authorizing service between the United States and the People's Republic of China (P.R.C) via Japan. This temporary experimental certificate is presently scheduled to expire on May 1, 1998.

*Docket Number: OST-97-3022.*

*Date Filed: October 16, 1997.*

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: November 13, 1997.*

*Description:* Application of Servant Air, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C., Section 41101, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for an indefinite term to perform scheduled,

interstate transportation of persons, property and mail.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-97-53]

#### 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 November 20, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rules 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: 9-NPRM-CMNTS@faa.dot.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:** Heather Thorson (202) 267-7470 or Angela Anderson (202) 267-9681, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal

Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

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

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 21, 1997.

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#### Petitions for Exemption

*Docket No.: 21780.*

*Petitioner: Civil Air Patrol.*

*Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 61.118.*

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit members of the CAP who are private pilots to continue to receive reimbursement for fuel, oil, and maintenance costs that are directly related to the performance of official CAP missions.

*Docket No.: 28975.*

*Petitioner: AOG, Inc.*

*Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.37(b).*

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit AOG to perform maintenance on flexible and integral fuel cells at its customers' facilities and maintenance on flexible fuel cells at the petitioner's facility without providing suitable permanent housing for at least one of the heaviest aircraft for which it is rated.

*Docket No.: 28905.*

*Petitioner: Petroleum Helicopters, Inc.*

*Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.152(a).*

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit PHI to place two Bell 214ST helicopters (Registration Nos. N59805 and N59806, and Serial Nos. 28141 and 28140, respectively), and one Bell 412SP helicopter (Registration No. N142PH, Serial No. 33150), on PHI's Operations Specifications and to operate those aircraft in nonscheduled part 135 operations until August 18, 2001, without a digital flight data recorder installed in those aircraft.

*Docket No.: 28855.*

*Petitioner: Offshore Logistics, Inc.*

*Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.152(a).*

*Description of Relief Sought:* To permit Offshore to operate certain multiengine turbine-powered rotorcraft with a seating configuration of 10 to 19 seats, excluding any required crewmember seat, that was brought onto the U.S. register after, or was registered outside the United States and added to Offshore's Operations Specifications after, October 11, 1991, without an approved digital flight data recorder.

**Dispositions of Petitions**

*Docket No.:* 26939.

*Petitioner:* Northern Air Cargo, Inc.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 43.3(f), 43.7(e), and 121.379.

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To Permit NAC to perform maintenance, preventive maintenance, major repairs, and alterations under the authority of its part 121 air carrier certificate on a Douglas DC-6B aircraft (Registration No. N7919C, Serial No. 43554) that has been dry leased to and is operated by Aero Petroleum Corporation, a 14 CFR part 91 operator. *Grant, September 15, 1997, Exemption No. 6678.*

*Docket No.:* 28962.

*Petitioner:* Bombardier Services Corporation West Virginia Air Center.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 145.45(f).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit Bombardier to assign copies of its Inspection Procedures Manual (IPM) to key individuals within its departments and functionally place an adequate number of IPMs for all employees to access, rather than provide a copy of the IPM for each of its supervisory and inspection personnel. *Grant, September 17, 1997, Exemption No. 6677.*

*Docket No.:* 27674.

*Petitioner:* IBM Corporation Flight Operations.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 43.9(a), 43.11(a)(3), 91.407(a)(2), and 145.57(a).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit IBM Flight Operations to use computerized personal identification codes in lieu of the physical signatures required to issue an airworthiness release and/or approval for return to service for the aircraft operated by IBM Flight Operations and the aeronautical products that IBM Flight Operations maintains for its repair station customers. *Grant, September 25, 1997, Exemption No. 6176A.*

*Docket No.:* 28919.

*Petitioner:* Baldev. S. Bambhra.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 65.93.

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit Mr. Bambhra to renew his inspection authorization even though he did not apply to an FAA Flight Standards District Office for renewal before the March 31, 1997, deadline required by CFR 14 part 65.93. *Denial, September 15, 1997, Exemption No. 6679.*

*Docket No.:* 28186.

*Petitioner:* MTU Maintenance GMBH.

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 3(a)(1).

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit MTU-H to develop and approve major repair data; as well as to inspect, repair, maintain, overhaul, and return to service aircraft engines, appliances, parts, and components for installation on any U.S.-registered aircraft. These functions would be performed without geographical limitations and in accordance with MTU-H's ratings.

*Denial, September 24, 1997, Exemption No. 6683.*

*Docket No.:* 27601.

*Petitioner:* Cielos Del Sur S.A. D/B/A/ Astral Lineas Aereas.

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

*Description of Relief Sought/*

*Disposition:* To permit Astral to substitute the calibration standards of the Instituto Nacional de Tecnologia Industrial, for the calibration standards of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly the National Bureau of Standards, to test its inspection and test equipment. *Denial, October 6, 1997, Exemption No. 6690.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Customs Service****Tariff Classification of Drilled Softwood Lumber**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of Treasury.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of comments regarding the commercial uses of wood studs with drilled holes.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that Customs is soliciting information about drilled softwood lumber studs that pertains to their classification under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

New York Ruling Letter (NY) B81564, dated February 18, 1997, addressed the classification of studs measuring 2' by 4', and 2' by 6', in lengths of 8 to 10 feet. These studs also featured two one-inch diameter holes drilled in the center of each board about 16 inches from the end. It was indicated that the holes served the purpose of allowing electrical wiring, cables or pipes to be run through the studs during wall construction. Pursuant to NY Ruling Letter B81564 the merchandise was classified in heading 4418, HTSUS, which provides for, among other things, builder's joinery and carpentry of wood.

Since the issuance of NY B81564 Customs' classification of drilled softwood lumber used for structural purposes has been called into question. Generally, it is alleged that Customs' decision could result in circumvention of the "1996 Softwood Lumber Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada" by shifting certain lumber from heading 4407, which is subject to the Agreement, to heading 4418, which is not subject to the Agreement. Among the questions are: (1) Whether the holes that are drilled into the studs actually serve a purpose and cause the studs to be suited to a particular use? (2) whether the drilling of the studs limits their application in construction? (3) whether there are other commercially recognized uses for drilled softwood lumber of heading 4418, HTSUS?

The purpose of this notice therefore, is to solicit information pertaining to the commercial uses of drilled softwood lumber which Customs has classified in heading 4418, HTSUS, which provides for, among other things, builder's joinery and carpentry of wood. This classification is based on the belief that the holes drilled into the wood suit it for certain structural purposes and disqualify it for others.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 26, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments (preferably in triplicate) may be addressed to U.S. Customs Service, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Attention: Textile Classification Branch, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20229. Comments submitted may be inspected at the Textile Classification Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, located at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Josephine Baiamonte, Textile Classification Branch, (202) 927-2380.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

This notice advises interested parties that Customs is soliciting information about the commercial uses of drilled softwood lumber studs. A distinction between drilled lumber and rough or dressed lumber existed in the former Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS). This distinction has been carried over to the present Harmonized Tariff so that less processed wood appears at the beginning of Chapter 44, HTSUS, followed by more advanced wood in later headings within the same chapter. Thus, for example, heading