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The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this Notice. Comments and related material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this Notice, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The measures proposed here are also available from Mr. Mark Gould, Maritime Personnel Qualifications Division, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-6890, or e-mail address [mgould@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mgould@comdt.uscg.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this Notice or on the national performance measures proposed here, e-mail or call Mr. Gould where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-5149.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **What Action Is the Coast Guard Taking?**

Section A-IV/2 of the Code accompanying the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended in 1995, articulates qualifications for ensuring merchant mariners' attaining the minimum standard of competence through demonstrations of their proficiency as GMDSS radio operators. The Coast Guard tasked MERPAC with referring to the Section, modifying and specifying it as it deemed necessary, and recommending national performance measures. The Coast Guard has reviewed the measures recommended by MERPAC and has developed a final set that we are proposing here for use as guidelines for assessing that proficiency.

The guidelines are set up as follows: First we set forth the Competency within the STCW a mariner must demonstrate to meet the STCW section. Next we give a series of examples of Performance Conditions, a set of Performance Behaviors for each Performance Condition, and a set of

Performance Standards for each Performance Behavior.

For example, if the Competency to demonstrate is: "Demonstrate the ability to transmit and receive information using GMDSS sub-systems and equipment and fulfilling the functional requirements of GMDSS," a Performance Condition for that Competency demonstrating knowledge, understanding, and proficiency is: Given an EPIRB, when asked, or on a written multiple choice examination, \* \* \*

A Performance Behavior for that Condition is: \* \* \* the candidate will explain the results of the test of a unit that is operating properly.

A Performance Standard for that Behavior is: The candidate correctly explains or selects the answer that correctly describes the test results and indications.

If the mariner properly meets all of the Performance Standards, he or she passes the practical demonstration. If he or she fails to properly carry out any of the Standards, he or she fails it.

#### **Why Is the Coast Guard Taking This Action?**

The Coast Guard is taking this action to comply with STCW, as amended in 1995 and incorporated into domestic regulations at 46 CFR parts 10, 12, and 15 in 1997. Guidance from the International Maritime Organization on shipboard assessments of proficiency suggests that Parties develop standards and measures of performance for practical tests as part of their programs for training and assessing seafarers.

#### **How May I Participate in This Action?**

You may participate in this action by submitting comments and related material on the national performance measures proposed here. (Although the Coast Guard does not seek public comment on the measures recommended by MERPAC, as distinct from the measures proposed here, those measures are available on the Internet at the Homepage of MERPAC, <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/merpac/merpac.htm>). These measures are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, under this docket number [USCG 2002-12689]. They are also available from Mr. Gould where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. If you submit written comments please include—

- Your name and address;
- The docket number for this Notice [USCG 2002-12689];
- The specific section of the performance measures to which each comment applies; and

- The reason for each comment.

You may mail, deliver, fax, or electronically submit your comments and related material to the Docket Management Facility, using an address or fax number listed in **ADDRESSES**. Please do not submit the same comment or material more than once. If you mail or deliver your comments and material, they must be on 8½-by-11-inch paper, and the quality of the copy should be clear enough for copying and scanning. If you mail your comments and material and would like to know whether the Docket Management Facility received them, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments and material received during the 60-day comment period.

Once we have considered all comments and related material, we will publish a final version of the national performance measures for use as guidelines by the general public. Individuals and institutions assessing the competence of mariners may refine the final version of these measures and develop innovative alternatives. If you vary from the final version of these measures, however, you must submit your alternative to the National Maritime Center for approval by the Coast Guard under 46 CFR 10.303(e) before you use it as part of an approved course or training program.

Dated: August 28, 2002.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

**[Policy Statement No. ANM-113-02-036]**

#### **Guidance for Certifying Headrests on Aft-Facing Seats**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed policy; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of proposed policy that provides guidance with respect to certification of headrests on aft-facing seats

**DATES:** Send your comments on or before October 3, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Address your comments to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Landes, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1071; fax (425) 227-1149; e-mail: [ross.landes@faa.gov](mailto:ross.landes@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments Invited**

The proposed policy is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/anminfo/devpaper.cfm>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy statement by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement ANM-113-02-036."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed policy.

• Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting. We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

**Background**

The proposed policy provides guidance with respect to compliance with §§ 25.562 and 25.785(b) and (d), for headrests on aft-facing seats on transport category airplanes.

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**Ali Bahrami,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs Administration**

**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemption**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of Applications for Modification of Exemptions.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Request for

modifications of exemptions (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous material, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 30, 2002.

*Address Comments To:* Records Center, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 22, 2002.

**R. Ryan Posten,**

*Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals.*

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
9419-M .....	.....	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA (See Footnote 1) .....	9419
9909-M .....	.....	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA (See Footnote 2) .....	9909
12384-M .....	RSPA-99-6561 .....	OilAir Hydraulics, Inc., Houston, TX (See Footnote 3) .....	12384
12880-M .....	RSPA-01-11100 .....	Northrop Grumman Corporation, Baltimore, MD (See Footnote 4) .....	12880
13002-M .....	RSPA-02-12300 .....	Department of Defense (MTMC), Fort Eustis, VA (See Footnote 5) .....	13002
13016-M .....	RSPA-02-12397 .....	Carrier Transicold, Syracuse, NY (See Footnote 6) .....	13016

<sup>1</sup> To modify the exemption to authorize the elimination of the annual quantity limitation when performing the acoustic emission testing (AET) on DOT Specifications cylinders for the transportation of various Division 2.1 and 2.2 gases.

<sup>2</sup> To modify the exemption to authorize the elimination of the Fracture Toughness Test requirement of non-DOT specification steel cylinders transporting Division 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 materials.

<sup>3</sup> To modify the exemption to authorize a change to the packaging requirements for pre-charged accumulators over 1-gallon capacity containing a Division 2.2 material and add passenger-carrying aircraft as an additional mode of transportation.

<sup>4</sup> To modify the exemption to authorize a new shipping container design for the transportation of Class 9 materials.

<sup>5</sup> To modify the exemption to reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation of Division 2.2 materials in accumulators.

<sup>6</sup> To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for the release of a Division 2.2 gas from a DOT Specification cylinder used in refrigerating equipment.