

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

Airbus: Docket No. FAA-2005-21343; Directorate Identifier 2004-NM-117-AD.

Comments Due Date

(a) The Federal Aviation Administration must receive comments on this AD action by July 5, 2005.

Affected ADs

(b) None.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R series airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F airplanes (collectively called A300-600 series airplanes); and Model A310 series airplanes; certificated in any category; except those modified in production by Airbus Modification 6788.

Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD was prompted by severe corrosion found in the lower rim area of the

aft pressure bulkhead during routine maintenance of an airplane. We are issuing this AD to prevent corrosion on the inner rim angle and cleat profile splice of the aft pressure bulkhead, which could result in the loss of airplane structural integrity.

Compliance

(e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

Service Bulletin References

(f) The term “service bulletin,” as used in this AD, means the Accomplishment Instructions of the following service bulletins listed in Table 1 of this AD, as applicable:

TABLE 1.—SERVICE BULLETIN REFERENCES

Models	Requirement	Airbus service bulletin
A300-600 series airplanes ..	Paragraph (g) of this AD	A300-53-6017, Revision 02, dated February 25, 2004.
	Paragraph (h) of this AD	A300-53-6006, Revision 3, dated March 24, 1989.
A310 series airplanes	Paragraph (g) of this AD	A310-53-2036, Revision 02, dated February 25, 2004.
	Paragraph (h) of this AD	A310-53-2025, Revision 5, dated March 24, 1989.

Modification To Improve Corrosion Protection and Drainage

(g) Within 60 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the aft pressure bulkhead for improved corrosion protection and drainage by doing all of the actions specified in the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable service bulletin.

Concurrent Modification To Improve Attachment Angles

(h) Before or concurrently with accomplishing the modification required by paragraph (g) of this AD, modify the aft pressure bulkhead to improve the fatigue life of the attachment angles at FR80/82 by doing all of the actions specified in the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable service bulletin. Where the service bulletin specifies doing a visual inspection around the entire circumference between FR80/82 and the aft pressure bulkhead for damaged filler, do a general visual inspection.

Note 1: For the purposes of this AD, a general visual inspection is: “A visual examination of an interior or exterior area, installation, or assembly to detect obvious damage, failure, or irregularity. This level of inspection is made from within touching distance unless otherwise specified. A mirror may be necessary to ensure visual access to all surfaces in the inspection area. This level of inspection is made under normally available lighting conditions such as daylight, hangar lighting, flashlight, or droplight and may require removal or opening of access panels or doors. Stands, ladders, or platforms may be required to gain proximity to the area being checked.”

Credit for Concurrent Actions

(i) For Model A310 series airplanes, accomplishment of the actions specified in paragraph A.2. of AD 88-06-03, amendment 39-5871 (53 FR 7730, March 10, 1988), is considered acceptable for compliance with the requirements of paragraph (h) of this AD.

Credit for Previous Service Bulletins

(j) Actions done before the effective date of this AD in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A310-53-2036, Revision 01, dated October 9, 2003 (for Model A310 series airplanes), are acceptable for compliance with the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(k) The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Related Information

(l) French airworthiness directive F-2004-004, dated January 7, 2004, also addresses the subject of this AD.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on May 26, 2005.

Ali Bahrami,

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

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

20 CFR Parts 404 and 416

[Regulation Nos. 4 and 16]

RIN 0960-AG07

Work Activity of Persons Working as Members of Advisory Committees Established Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: We are proposing to revise our disability regulations under titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to incorporate a new, special rule that would affect individuals who are receiving payments or providing services as members or consultants of a committee, board, commission, council or similar group established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Under this special rule, we would not count any earnings an individual is receiving from serving as a member or consultant of a FACA advisory committee when we determine if the individual is engaging in substantial gainful activity under titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act (the Act). In addition, we would not evaluate any of the services the individual is providing as a member or consultant of the FACA advisory committee when determining if the individual has engaged in

substantial gainful activity under titles II and XVI of the Act.

Based on our experience with FACA advisory committees and the frequency and level of activity required by these committees, we believe that performance of activity on these committees does not demonstrate the ability to perform substantial gainful activity. We believe this to be consistent with Congress's view as it has recognized in creating the Ticket to Work advisory committee, for example, that current disability beneficiaries should be considered for membership. This also will encourage individuals with disabilities to serve on FACA advisory committees, thereby providing the benefit of their unique perspective on policies and programs to the Federal Government.

DATES: To be sure that your comments are considered, we must receive them no later than August 2, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may give us your comments by: Using our Internet site facility (*i.e.*, Social Security Online) at <http://policy.ssa.gov/pnpublic.nsf/LawsRegs> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>; e-mail to regulations@ssa.gov; telefax to (410) 966-2830, or letter to the Commissioner of Social Security, P.O. Box 17703, Baltimore, MD 21235-7703. You may also deliver them to the Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, 100 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Comments are posted on our Internet site, or you may inspect them on regular business days by making arrangements with the contact person shown in this preamble.

Electronic Version: The electronic file of this document is available on the date of publication in the **Federal Register** at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>. It is also available on the Internet site for SSA (*i.e.*, Social Security Online): <http://policy.ssa.gov/pnpublic.nsf/LawsRegs>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Hoover, Policy Analyst, Office of Program Development and Research, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. Call (410) 965-5651 or TTY 1-800-325-0778 for information about these proposed rules. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number 1-(800) 772-1213 or TTY 1-(800) 325-0778. You may also contact Social Security Online at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Is the Purpose of This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)?

In this NPRM, we propose to establish a new, special rule that would apply to individuals working as members or consultants of a committee, board, commission, council or similar group established under the FACA, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Under this special rule, earnings received or services provided by the individual as a result of serving on a Federal Advisory Committee, would not be evaluated when deciding if the individual has engaged in substantial gainful activity under titles II and XVI of the Act.

What Is the FACA?

The FACA and its implementing regulations allow the Federal Government to establish or utilize advisory committees consisting of non-Federal employees when they are determined to be essential for furnishing expert advice, ideas, and diverse opinions to the Federal Government. Advisory committees are established solely when it is beneficial to the Federal Government. Such committees serve an advisory role only. Members and consultants of advisory committees established under FACA receive compensation in a manner which gives appropriate recognition to the responsibilities and qualifications required and other relevant factors.

What Rules Are We Revising and Why?

The purpose of FACA advisory committees is to provide expert advice, ideas, and diverse opinions to the Federal Government. The individuals who serve on these advisory committees do so for the benefit of the Federal Government. Consistent with Congress's view as reflected by mandating consideration of currently disabled social security beneficiaries for membership on the Ticket to Work advisory committee, we do not believe that performance of activity on these committees demonstrates an ability to perform substantial gainful activity. Furthermore, this would encourage individuals with disabilities to serve on FACA advisory committees, thereby providing the benefit of their unique perspective on policies and programs to the Federal Government. We propose not to evaluate earnings received or services provided by the individual, as a result of serving on a Federal Advisory Committee, when deciding if the individual has engaged in substantial gainful activity. This special rule will eliminate the fear individuals may have concerning the loss or denial of benefits (including health care), based on

earnings received and services provided as a result of serving on a FACA advisory committee.

Explanation of Changes

We are proposing to revise §§ 404.1574 and 416.974 to specify that if you are serving as a member or consultant of an advisory committee, board, commission, council or similar group established under FACA, we would not evaluate the earnings you receive or the services provided as a result from serving on such committees when we determine whether you are engaging in substantial gainful activity under title II and title XVI of the Act.

Clarity of These Proposed Rules

Executive Order (E.O.) 12866, as amended by E.O. 13258, requires each agency to write all rules in plain language. In addition to your substantive comments on these final rules, we invite your comments on how to make them easier to understand.

For example:

- Have we organized the material to suit your needs?
- Are the requirements in the rules clearly stated?
- Do the rules contain technical language or jargon that isn't clear?
- Would a different format (grouping and order of sections, use of headings, paragraphing) make the rules easier to understand?
- Would more (but shorter) sections be better?
- Could we improve clarity by adding tables, lists, or diagrams?
- What else could we do to make the rules easier to understand?

Regulatory Procedures

Executive Order (E.O.) 12866

We have consulted with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and determined that these proposed rules meet the criteria for a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 13256. Thus, they were reviewed by OMB.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

We certify that these proposed regulations would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they affect only individuals. Thus, a regulatory flexibility analysis as provided in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as amended, is not required.

Paperwork Reduction Act

These proposed regulations impose no reporting or recordkeeping requirements requiring OMB clearance.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 96.001, Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002, Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004, Social Security—Survivors Insurance; 96.006, Supplemental Security Income)

List of Subjects

20 CFR Part 404

Administrative practice and procedure, Blind, Disability benefits, Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social Security.

20 CFR Part 416

Administrative practice and procedure, Aged, Blind, Disability benefits, Public assistance programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Dated: March 16, 2005.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,
Commissioner of Social Security.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, we are amending subpart P of part 404 and subparts I and K of part 416 of chapter III of title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations as set forth below:

PART 404—FEDERAL OLD-AGE, SURVIVORS AND DISABILITY INSURANCE (1950—)

Subpart P—[Amended]

1. The authority citation for subpart P continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 202, 205(a), (b), and (d)—(h), 216(i), 221 (a) and (i), 222(c), 223, 225, and 702(a)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402, 405 (a), (b), and (d)—(h), 416(i), 421(a) and (i), 422(c), 423, 425, and 902(a)(5)); sec. 211(b), Pub. L. 104–193, 110 Stat. 2105, 2189.

2. Section 404.1574 is amended by redesignating paragraph (d) as paragraph (d)(1), and adding new paragraph (d)(2) to read as follows:

§ 404.1574 Evaluation guides if you are an employee.

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(d) * * *

(2) *Work activity as a member or consultant of an advisory committee established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2.* If you are serving as a member or consultant of an advisory committee, board, commission, council, or similar group established under FACA, we will not count any payments you receive from serving on such committees as earnings when we determine whether you are engaging in substantial gainful activity. These payments may include

compensation, travel expenses, and special assistance. We also will exclude the services you perform as a member or consultant of an advisory committee established under FACA in applying any of the substantial gainful activity tests discussed in paragraph (b)(6) of this section. This exclusion from the substantial gainful activity provisions will apply only if you are a member or consultant of an advisory committee specifically authorized by statute, or by the President, or determined as a matter of formal record by the head of a government agency. This exclusion from the substantial gainful activity provisions will not apply if your service as a member or consultant of an advisory committee is part of your duties or is required as an employee of any governmental or non-governmental organization, agency, or business.

PART 416—SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME FOR THE AGED, BLIND, AND DISABLED

Subpart I—[Amended]

3. The authority citation for subpart I continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 702(a)(5) and 1601–1635 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 902(a)(5) and 1381–133d); sec. 212, Pub. L. 93–66, 87 Stat. 155 (42 U.S.C. 1382 note); sec. 502(a), Pub. L. 94–241, 90 Stat. 268 (48 U.S.C. 1681 note).

4. Section 416.974 is amended by redesignating paragraph (d) as paragraph (d)(1), and adding new paragraph (d)(2) to read as follows:

§ 416.974 Evaluation guides if you are an employee.

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(2) *Work activity as a member or consultant of an advisory committee established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2.* If you are serving as a member or consultant of an advisory committee, board, commission, council, or similar group established under FACA, we will not count any payments you receive from serving on such committees as earnings when we determine whether you are engaging in substantial gainful activity. These payments may include compensation, travel expenses, and special assistance. We also will exclude the services you perform as a member or consultant of an advisory committee established under FACA in applying any of the substantial gainful activity tests discussed in paragraph (b)(6) of this section. This exclusion from the substantial gainful activity provision will apply only if you are a member or consultant of an advisory committee

specifically authorized by statute, or by the President, or determined as a matter of formal record by the head of a government agency. This exclusion from the substantial gainful activity provision will not apply if your service as a member or consultant of an advisory committee is part of your duties or is required as an employee of any governmental or non-governmental organization, agency, or business.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG–152914–04]

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Revised Regulations Concerning Disclosure of Relative Values of Optional Forms of Benefit; Hearing

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice of public hearing on proposed regulations concerning content requirements applicable to explanations of qualified joint and survivor annuities and qualified preretirement survivor annuities payable under certain retirement plans.

DATES: The public hearing is being held on August 24, 2005, at 10 a.m. The IRS must receive outlines of the topics to be discussed at the hearing by August 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing is being held in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Send submissions to: CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG–152914–04), room 5203, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG–152914–04), Couriers Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC or sent electronically, via the IRS Internet site at <http://www.irs.gov/regs> or via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> (IRS–REG–152914–04).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the regulations, Bruce Perlin