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SUBJ: TERMINAL AREA OPERATIONS AVIATION RULEMAKING COMMITTEE

- 1. PURPOSE.** This order constitutes the charter for the Terminal Area Operations Aviation Rulemaking Committee that is designated and established pursuant to the Administrator's authority under 49 USC 106(p)(5).
- 2. DISTRIBUTION.** This order is distributed to the director level in the Offices of Rulemaking; International Aviation; Chief Counsel; Airport Safety and Standards; Airport Planning and Programming; Aviation Research; Budget; Financial Management; Cost and Performance Management; Communications, Navigation, and Surveillance Systems; the Air Traffic, Flight Standards, and Aircraft Certification Services; and the Aviation Systems Standards.
- 3. BACKGROUND.** Safety issues and recommendations identified by the Commercial Aviation Safety Team (CAST) relating to Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT) accidents and incidents, and airport capacity constraints with associated delays, dictate a need for improvements in terminal area operations. There is a need to fully utilize the capabilities of modern aircraft, specifically the use of area navigation (including the global positioning system). Evolving technologies and potential equipment upgrades provide increased operational and safety benefits not realized unless a practical means is established to direct and facilitate new criteria and implementation. The international aspects of aviation operations and aircraft production require that terminal area operational procedures and associated equipage be consistent.
- 4. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE.** This committee will provide a forum for the United States aviation community to discuss and resolve issues, provide direction for U.S. flight operations criteria, and produce U.S. consensus positions for global harmonization.
 - a. The general goal of the committee is to develop a means to implement improvements in terminal area operations that address safety, capacity, and efficiency objectives, as tasked, that are consistent with international implementation. In the context of this committee, terminal area means the airspace that services arrival, departure, and airport ground operations. This committee provides a forum for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), other government entities, and affected members of the aviation community to discuss issues and to develop resolutions and processes to facilitate the evolution of safe and efficient terminal area operations. This committee supports the international harmonization process.
 - b. To achieve these objectives, the committee's initial task is to identify and resolve outstanding issues pertaining to draft Advisory Circular (AC) 120-29A and other draft required navigation performance (RNP) materials including, but not limited to, AC 20-RNP, AC 90- RNP RNAV, AC 120-xxx (airport obstacle analysis), and FAA Order 8260.RNP. The committee will develop draft AC language and a strategy, process, and schedule for the implementation of new or revised criteria. The committee will make its recommendations, including any recommendations for rulemaking and additional tasking, to the Administrator through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification.

5. PROCEDURES.

a. The committee provides advice and recommendations to the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification. The committee acts solely in an advisory capacity.

b. The committee shall discuss and present whatever input, guidance, and recommendations the members of the committee consider relevant to the ultimate disposition of issues. Discussion will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Operational objectives, recommendations, and requirements.
- (2) Airworthiness criteria and means of compliance to meet the operational objectives.
- (3) Recommendations for rulemaking necessary to meet objectives.
- (4) Guidance material and the implementation processes.
- (5) International harmonization issues and recommendations.
- (6) Documentation and technical information to support recommendations

c. Fourteen months from the issuance of this Order, the committee shall present an initial report and written recommendations to the Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification. This does not prohibit the committee from making interim recommendations. These recommendations should take the form of documented issue resolutions, recommended policy decisions, draft guidance material, and/or proposed rulemaking, as appropriate. Specific implementation planning and processes will be established to ensure that recommendations meet these objectives.

6. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

a. The Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification shall have the sole discretion to appoint members or organizations to the committee. The committee shall consist of members of the aviation community, including the public and/or other Federal Government entities representative of various viewpoints. The FAA shall provide participation and support from all affected lines of business.

b. The Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification shall receive all committee recommendations and reports. The Associate Administrator, through the Flight Standards Service, shall also be responsible for providing administrative support for the committee. The Flight Standards Service will provide the designated Federal official for this committee. The designated Federal official will attend all meetings of the committee.

c. The Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification is the sponsor of the committee, and shall select an industry co-chair from the membership of the committee. Also, the Associate Administrator shall designate the FAA co-chair of the committee. Once designated, the co-chairs—

- (1) Determine, in coordination with the other members of the committee, when a meeting is required.

(2) Arrange notification to all committee members of the time and place for each meeting.

(3) Formulate an agenda for each meeting and conduct the meeting.

d. Minutes of committee meetings will be kept.

7. MEMBERSHIP.

a. The committee membership consists of approximately 15 associations and organizations selected by FAA. The membership shall be balanced in points of view, interests, and knowledge of the objectives and scope of the committee.

b. The members of the committee shall include the following organizations:

(1) Aviation associations such as—

(a) Air Transport Association.

(b) Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association.

(c) General Aviation and Manufacturing Association

(d) Helicopter Association International.

(e) National Business Aviation Association.

(f) Regional Airline Association.

(2) Employee unions/groups such as—

(a) Pilots associations.

(b) National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

(c) Professional Airways Systems Specialists.

(d) American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

(3) Air carriers, manufacturers, and other aviation industry participants.

(4) The Federal Aviation Administration lines of business such as—

(a) Regulation and Certification.

(b) Air Traffic Services.

(c) Airports.

(5) Other Federal Government agencies such as--

(a) National Aeronautics and Space Administration

(b) Department of Defense

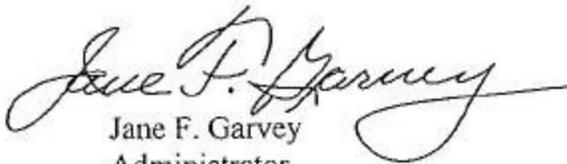
8. COST AND COMPENSATION. The estimated cost to the Federal government of the Terminal Area Operations Aviation Rulemaking Committee is approximately \$20,000. Non-Government representatives serve without Government compensation and bear all costs related to their participation on the committee.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Interested persons or organizations planning to attend a meeting who are not members of this committee must request and receive approval in advance of the meeting from the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification or his/her delegate.

10. AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS. Subject to the conditions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 522, records, reports, agendas, working papers, and other documents that are made available to or prepared for or by the committee shall be available for public inspection and copying at the FAA Flight Standards Service, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591. Fees shall be charged for information furnished to the public in accordance with the fee schedule published in part 7 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

11. PUBLIC INTEREST. The formation of the Terminal Area Operations Aviation Rulemaking Committee is determined to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on FAA by law.

12. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION. This committee is effective February 19, 2002. The committee shall remain in existence until February 19, 2004, unless sooner terminated or extended by the Administrator.


Jane F. Garvey
Administrator