

Federal Aviation Administration
Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee

Air Carrier Operations Issue Area
All-Weather Operations Working Group

Task 2 – Review Advisory Circular 120-29A

Task Assignment

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Air Carrier Operations Issues—New Task**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: Notice is given of a new task assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Williams, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591, 202-267-9685, linda.williams@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues.

The Task

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendations on the following task:

Task: Review Advisory Circular 120-29A Criteria for Approval of Nonprecision, Category I, and Category II Weather Minima for Takeoff, Approach and Landing, dated September 13-22, 2000, all associated comments received in docket FAA-2000-8080, and other documents as necessary to resolve any issues that would cause negative impact to operators. The FAA, JAA, and industry would provide resources necessary to accomplish this task. The end product would be a proposed AC recommended for signature, that reflects the best consensus of the issues related to AC 120-29A. If consensus cannot be reached on any issue, the lack of consensus should be documented and all minority positions should be presented in a letter transmitting the recommendations.

Schedule: The final ARAC recommendations will be provided to the FAA by March 30, 2001.

ARAC Acceptance of Tasks

ARAC has accepted the task and has chosen to assign the task to the All

Weather Operations Harmonization Working Group, Air Carrier Operations Issues. The working group will serve as staff to ARAC. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the FAA as ARAC recommendations.

Working Group Activity

The All Weather Operations Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration of the ARAC Air Carrier Operations Issues.
2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations.
3. Draft the appropriate documents and required analyses.
4. Provide a status report at each meeting of the ARAC held to consider Air Carrier Operations Issues.

Participation in the working Group

The All Weather Operations Harmonization Working Group is composed of technical experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. All requests to participate must be received no later than January 12, 2001. The requests will be reviewed by the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair, and the individuals will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

Individuals chosen for membership on the working group will be expected to represent their aviation community segment and participate actively in the working group (e.g., attend all meetings, provide written comments when requested to do so, etc.). They also will be expected to devote the resources necessary to support the ability of the working group in meeting any assigned deadline(s). Members are expected to keep their management chain and those they may represent advised of working

group activities and decisions to ensure that the agreed technical solutions do not conflict with their sponsoring organization's position when the subject being negotiated is presented to ARAC for approval.

Once the working group has begun deliberations, members will not be added or substituted without the approval of the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of the ARAC is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of the ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the All Weather Operations Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 19, 2000.

Anthony F. Fazio,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA; Joint RTCA Special Committee 181/EUROCAE Working Group 13 Standards of Navigation Performance**

Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a joint Special Committee 181/EUROCAE Working Group 13 meeting to be held January 22-25, 2001, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Honeywell International Inc., Phoenix AZ 85036.

The agenda will include the following: January 22, 24, 25: (1) Working Groups (WG) 1 and 4 to meet separately. January 23: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. (2) Plenary Session; (3) Introductory Remarks; (4) Working Group Reports; (5) Plenary Review: (a) Expanding the Scope of WG-4; (b) Possible new Terms of Reference; (6) New Business; (7) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (8) Closing.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Draft Advisory Circular (AC) No. 120-29A, Criteria for Approval of Category I and Category II Weather Minima for Approach**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft advisory circular.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft AC, recommended by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC), which provides information and guidance on obtaining and maintaining approval of Category I and II Weather Minima, including installation and approval of associated aircraft systems. This draft AC would replace AC 120-29 and represents the first steps of harmonization efforts of the Federal Aviation Administration, the European Joint Aviation Authority, and other regulatory authorities. This notice solicits public comment on the draft AC.

DATES: Comments on the draft AC must be received on or before January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the draft AC or to send comments on the draft AC, please contact Yolanda Hill, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-410), Room 835, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-3728. The draft AC may also be accessed on the Internet at www.faa.gov/AVR/afs/afs410/afs410.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical questions should be addressed to Jim Enias, Technical Programs Division (AFS-400), Federal Aviation Administration, Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-7211.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested parties to submit comments on this draft AC, as recommended by the ARAC. Commenters should identify AC 120-29A and submit comments to the person and address listed above. The FAA will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments before completing its review of this ARAC recommended AC. The recommended draft AC and comments received may be inspected at the Office of Flight Standards Service, Technical Programs Division, Room 835, Federal Aviation Administration (Federal Office Building 10A), between the hours of

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Background

This draft AC was received from the ARAC in August 1998. The AC recommended by the ARAC would set forth an acceptable means, but not the only means, of obtaining and maintaining approval of operations in Category I and II landing weather minima and low visibility approach criteria including the installation and approval of associated aircraft systems. It includes additional or revised Category I and II criteria for use in conjunction with heads-up displays, use of required navigation performance, satellite navigation sensors, and "engine inoperative" Category II criteria.

This draft AC should be reviewed in conjunction with the regulatory requirements of 14 CFR parts 121, 125, and 135, as applicable. This draft AC would not change, add, or delete any regulatory requirement or authorize any deviation from parts 121, 125, or 135.

The FAA is currently reviewing this ARAC recommendation and may make revisions to this document before it is issued. These revisions may include editorial changes to ensure that this AC does not impose requirements on operators independent of the current regulations. The regulations themselves, referenced in the draft AC, may be reviewed for revisions, as appropriate. It should be noted that the draft AC explicitly states that nothing in it is intended to preclude an operator from proposing and demonstrating to the FAA its ability to operate to Category I and II minima with a different equipment configuration, or alternatively to a runway visual range minima lower than presently described in this document.

If, after review of this recommendation, the FAA decides to make any substantive changes in the draft AC, the revised document will be made available again for comment before final issuance.

This draft revision incorporates changes resulting from the first steps toward international all weather operations criteria harmonization taken by the FAA, JAA, and several other regulatory authorities. Subsequent revisions of this AC are planned as additional all weather operations harmonization items are agreed and completed by FAA and JAA, or internationally.

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Richard O. Gordon,

Acting Director, Flight Standards Service.

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Mr. Bill Edmunds

Chairman of the Air Carrier Operations Issues Group

ARAC

Dear Mr. Edmunds:

An Ad Hoc group of the All Weather Operations Harmonization Working Group (AWOHWG), comprised of FAA, JAA, Air Carriers and Manufacturers, met in response to the ARAC Air Carrier Operations Issues Group request, as published in the Federal Register, December 28, 2000.

The result of those meetings has been of benefit. Some specific concerns of the FAA and industry representatives were addressed and resolved. Resolution of the issues and concerns is scheduled to continue.

It is requested that the Air Carrier Operations Issues Group accept this activity as fulfilling the action requested. The action was to review and comment on the proposed draft of AC 120-29a. The results of this review are being coordinated by the FAA for final processing.

Sincerely,

Lyle G. Wink, Special Assistant, FAA AFS-400

Jim McKie, Director Operations, ATA