

Dated: April 18, 2012.

Robert Downes,

Senior Foreign Service Officer, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7856]

Waiver and Certification of Statutory Provisions Regarding the Palestine Liberation Organization Office

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Deputy Secretary of State, including by section 7086(b)(1) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub. L. 112-74, Div. I), the Delegation of Authority in the President's Memorandum of July 21, 2010, and Department of State Delegation of Authority No. 245-1, I hereby determine and certify that the Palestinians have not, since the date of enactment of that Act, obtained in the UN or any specialized agency thereof the same standing as member states or full membership as a state outside an agreement negotiated between Israel and the Palestinians, and waive the provisions of section 1003 of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987, Public Law 100-204, Title X.

This waiver shall be effective for a period of six months.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress promptly and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 9, 2012.

William J. Burns,

Deputy Secretary of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Implementation of United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Tariff-Rate Quota for Imports of Sugar

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: USTR is providing notice that the tariff-rate quota for sugar established by the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement will be administered using certificates of quota eligibility.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to Ann Heilman-Dahl,

Director of Agriculture Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Heilman-Dahl, Office of Agriculture Affairs, telephone: (202) 395-6127 or facsimile: (202) 395-4579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 22, 2006, the United States entered into the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (the "Agreement") and, on June 28, 2007, the Parties to the Agreement signed a protocol amending the Agreement. Congress approved the Agreement as amended in section 101(a) of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act (the "Implementation Act") (Pub. L. 112-42, 125 Stat. 462) (19 U.S.C. 3805 note). The President is authorized under section 201(d) of the Implementation Act to take such action as may be necessary in implementing the tariff-rate quotas set forth in Appendix I to the General Notes to the Schedule of the United States to Annex 2.3 of the Agreement to ensure the orderly marketing of commodities in the United States. Under a tariff-rate quota, the United States applies one tariff rate, known as the "in-quota tariff rate," to imports of a product up to a particular amount, known as the "in-quota quantity," and a different, higher tariff rate, known as the "over-quota tariff rate," to imports of the product in excess of that amount.) Appendix I of the Agreement establishes a tariff-rate quota for imports of sugar from Colombia.

USTR is providing notice that the United States, consistent with Note 9(a) of Appendix I, is administering the duty-free quantities of sugar established under the Agreement through a certificate system substantially similar to that described in 15 CFR 2011.102(c) (2006). Consistent with 15 CFR 2011.102(c), no sugar that is the product of Colombia may be permitted entry under the in-quota tariff-rate established for imports of sugar from Colombia unless at the time of entry the person entering such sugar presents to the appropriate customs official a valid and properly executed certificate of quota eligibility for such sugar. The Secretary of Agriculture will issue such certificates of quota eligibility to the Government of Colombia. These certificates, when duly executed and issued by the certifying authority of Colombia, will authorize entry into the United States at the in-quota tariff-rate established under the Agreement.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information

collection requirements related to this notice in accordance with 44 U.S.C Chapter 25, and OMB control number 0551-0014 has been assigned with corresponding clearance effective through May 31, 2013.

Ronald Kirk,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss transport airplane and engine (TAE) issues.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2012, starting at 9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Arrange for oral presentations by May 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: FAA—Northwest Mountain Region, Fred Isaac conference room, 1601 Lind Ave. SW., Renton, WA 98057.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralen Gao, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-3168, Fax (202) 267-5075, or email at ralen.gao@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. III), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held May 16, 2012.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Opening Remarks, Review Agenda and Minutes.
- FAA Report.
- Executive Committee Report.
- Transport Canada Report.
- EASA Report.
- Avionics Harmonization Working Group Report.
- Materials Flammability Working Group Report.
- Aging Airplanes Working Group Report.
- Flight Controls Harmonization Working Group Report.
- Action Item Review.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to the availability of

meeting room space. Please confirm your attendance with the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than May 9, 2012. Please provide the following information: Full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your industry association, or applicable affiliation. If you are attending as a public citizen, please indicate so.

For persons participating by telephone, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by email or phone for the teleconference call-in number and passcode. Anyone calling from outside the Renton, WA, metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long-distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by May 9, 2012, to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the ARAC at any time by providing 25 copies to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or by providing copies at the meeting. Copies of the documents to be presented to ARAC may be made available by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

If you need assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for the meeting or meeting documents, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 19, 2012.

Pamela Hamilton-Powell,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic 45' and 55' Pre-stressed Spun Concrete Transmission and Distribution Power Poles in the Territory of Guam for synchronization of the existing system.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is April 26, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366-1562, or via email at gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-4928, or via email at michael.harkins@dot.gov. Office hours for the FHWA are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's database at: <http://www.gpo.gov>.

Background

The FHWA's Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate to use non-domestic 45' and 55' Pre-stressed Spun Concrete Transmission and Distribution Power Poles in the Territory of Guam.

In accordance with Division A, section 123 of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010" (Pub. L. 111-117), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for 45' and 55' Pre-stressed Spun Concrete Transmission and Distribution Power Poles in the Territory of Guam (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=66>) on March 12. The FHWA received one comment in response to the publication. The comment supports approval of the waiver request. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers of 45' and 55' Pre-stressed Spun Concrete Transmission and Distribution Power Poles in the Territory of Guam. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of 45' and 55' Pre-stressed Spun Concrete Transmission and Distribution Power Poles.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the Territory of Guam waiver page noted above.

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410)

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Gregory G. Nadeau,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Safety Advisory 2012-02; Restricted Speed

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Safety Advisory.

SUMMARY: FRA is issuing Safety Advisory 2012-02 to remind railroads and their employees of the importance of compliance with relevant railroad operating rules when trains and locomotives are to be operated at restricted speed. This safety advisory contains a preliminary discussion of recent train accidents involving a failure to operate at restricted speed and makes recommendations to railroads to ensure employee compliance with the requirements of restricted speed operating rules.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas H. Taylor, Staff Director, Operating Practices Division, Office of Railroad Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-6255; or Joseph St. Peter, Trial Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 493-6047.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The overall safety of railroad operations has improved in recent years. However, a series of accidents has highlighted the need for railroads to review, reemphasize, and adhere to railroad operating rules and procedures governing the requirements of restricted

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC)
Transport Airplane and Engine (TAE) Issues Area

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2012
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: FAA Transport Aviation Directorate
1601 Lind Ave., SW, Renton, WA.

Call to Order /Administrative Reporting

Ms. Suzanne Masterson read the public meeting announcement at 9:08 AM.

Mr. Craig Bolt discussed completion of October 19, 2011 meeting minutes.

Item	October 19, 2011 TAEIG Meeting Action Items	Status
1.		

FAA Report

Mr. James Wilborn presented this report regarding the status of current, upcoming and proposed FAA rulemaking and non-rulemaking projects and directives. Please see Handout #1 for a general status and Handout #2 for a list of detailed status for each project.

Mr. Wilborn discussed several rulemaking projects that will be gathered into two larger “bundled” rulemaking projects in the next version of this document, in order to streamline the process, lessen paperwork, and to harmonize with EASA.

A question came up regarding whether this 4-year look-ahead document is available to the public. The answer was that this is just shared at this current public meeting and shared with EASA, but not published.

EXCOM Report

Mr. Craig Bolt presented this report. Please see Handout #3.

The Rulemaking Prioritization WG was tasked to advise the FAA about how to prioritize rulemakings, work with limited resources, etc. Mr. Bolt then gave an overview of the recommended processes this working group produced, including a scoring matrix to be used as a tool to help determine priority.

A follow-up tasking was published May 10, 2012. Its intent is to test and evaluate the above-

mentioned recommended methodology on 14 rulemakings, seeking potential obstacles and work-arounds.

The working group is also continuing to work on ARAC restructuring, in which TAEIG will become a sub-committee, and the primary change will be that future TAEIG reports will be submitted through ARAC.

Mr. Rolf Greiner stated that no bylaws seem to preclude EASA organizations from participating as voting members of ARAC. Mr. Bolt stated that the EXCOM group supports the participation of non-USA organizations to ARAC, but that the FAA will make the ultimate determination.

Transport Canada Report

Mr. Oliver Rusch made this presentation. Please see Handout #4.

The staff instructions document is informal and internal to Transport Canada, but is available to the public as helpful information.

EASA Report

Mr. Julian Hall presented this report. Please see Handout #5.

Note on Handout #5: “Third country organization” refers to organizations from those countries which are located outside of EASA but wishes to be certified in one central location, and therefore grants EASA the power to certificate.

Mr. Hall clarified that the SMS implementation refers to the EASA initiative, but will be working closely with the FAA on the Part 121 harmonization.

EASA had undergone some restructuring, which is outlined in the Handout, especially the effort to integrate and develop OSD (Operational Suitability Data), which will become a part of the type certification sheet. An effort is also underway to share OSD between EASA and the FAA.

This restructuring caused some tension externally, but all parties recognized there was need to incorporate this data. However, it has not triggered any increase in resources /funding, therefore EASA is working to improve internal workflow efficiency.

Avionics Systems Harmonization Working Group Report

Mr. Clark Badie made this presentation. Please see Handout #6.

The working group has developed suggested compliance examples for their recommendations, recently submitted to an economist and which will be a part of their upcoming draft recommendation scheduled to be submitted to TAEIG in August of this year.

There is another working group performing a feasibility exercise which overlaps with the

recommendation of this working group. It is scheduled to produce results sometime next year. The group will monitor this for relevant information.

Materials Flammability Working Group Report

Mr. Jim Davis presented this report. Please see Handout #7.

The draft recommendation was discussed in overview. Please see Handout #8. Mr. Davis stated that the group did not reach full consensus on the proposed regulatory text. The process and discussion is outlined in the Development section of the draft report. Attached to this draft are excel sheets that detail those areas where the group did not reach consensus.

The working group believes that the resulting proposed regulatory text will bring more clarity and better understanding to the requirements.

Mr. Greiner asked whether the group expected more comments than those included in the current draft, which were from Embraer and Airbus. Mr. Davis replied that there are still substantial comments being edited, and supporting comments are not included in the current distributed draft, but all substantive comments will be captured into supplemental material or an appendix to the formal submission, for future reference.

Mr. Bolt requested for all TAEIG members to provide their review and comments by end of May 2012 to the working group, and for the working group to provide a formal submission end of June 2012.

Mr. Nixon requested for the working group members to submit any additional comments to the working group, even if they are in draft form. Mr. Davis agreed.

There will be an impromptu meeting, via teleconference, to approve the formal submission by July 2012.

Ms. DeMarco asked what is the next step after July, when it sounds like there are much that are still left to be done; will there be another tasking?

Mr. Jeff Garland responded that there is probably not the need for another tasking. The working group had completed the tasking as written; those areas that were left incomplete were effort in addition to the original tasking. He stated that this upcoming proposal will contain sufficient material to move forward toward more efficient and streamlined process.

Aging Airplanes Harmonization Working Group Report

Mr. Steve Chisholm presented this report. Please see Handout #9.

The working group's last meeting was well-attended. It closed 19 action items, mostly related to Widespread Fatigue Damage.

The FAQs contain many questions from the FAA perspective, as well as from operators and various issues that arose during various past meetings. The working group will determine which portion of those will be generally available and which will be included into advisory materials.

Entities that will be affected in stage 2 discussions or later were invited to earlier meetings to ensure they had opportunity to participate, in case some decisions were locked down in these earlier meetings.

There has been much interest in the community since EASA is intending to issue an NPA of an update to their corresponding rule in May 2012.

Next meetings will be predicated on the release of EASA's upcoming NPA, no later than in September or October 2012.

Flight Controls Harmonization Working Group Report

Mr. Barry Hance presented this report. Please see Handout #10.

Mr. Hall asked for clarification to the ALPA survey, regarding its questions and conclusions. Mr. Hance responded that the survey revealed that pilots were not using rudders in ways the manufacturers recommend. The survey included questions on whether they experienced rudder reversals, training methods and hours, etc, and elicited responses from 20 or so pilots from different airlines.

A current challenge is how to frame a regulation that assumes the flightcrew was not acting according to existing regulatory standards, since most regulations rest on the opposite assumption. Another challenge is how this regulation would affect operators using manual rudders, especially regarding any requirement on loads.

The working group intends to submit draft recommendation by February 2013.

Action Item Review/Any Other Business

Item	Wednesday May 16, 2012 Meeting Action Items	Status
1	Complete review and submit any comments to October 2011 minutes by end of May 2012.	
2	TAEIG members to review Materials Flammability draft report and provide comments to Jim Davis by end of May 2012.	
3	Materials Flammability working group to submit formal recommendations by end of June 2012.	
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Future TAEIG Meetings

The meeting after this will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, in Arlington, VA. There will be a teleconference to vote on the Materials Flammability Working Group formal recommended stations, by 10:00 AM PST July 25, 2012.

Public Notification

The Federal Register published a notice of this meeting on April 20, 2012.

Approval

I certify the minutes are accurate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig R. Bolt".

Craig R. Bolt
Assistant Chair, ARAC

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