

separate Republika Srpska institutions; and

(3) Taking steps to implement policies which reflect a respect for minority rights and the rule of law.

This Determination and related Memorandum of Justification shall be provided to the appropriate committees of the Congress. This Determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 2, 2008.

Condoleezza Rice,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6345]

Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Meeting October 21, 2008

SUMMARY: The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet on October 21, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Loy Henderson Conference Room at the U.S. Department of State, Harry S. Truman Building, Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public. Entry and registration will begin at 8:45. Please use the building entrance located at 23rd Street, NW., Washington, DC between C&D Streets. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study.

As access to the Department of State facilities is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must notify the DTAG Executive Secretariat by COB Tuesday, October 14, 2008. If notified after this date, the DTAG Secretariat cannot guarantee that the Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security can complete the necessary processing required to attend the October 21 plenary. Each non-member observer or DTAG member needing building access that wishes to attend this plenary session should provide: His/her name; company or organizational affiliation; phone number; date of birth; and identifying data such as driver's license number, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID, to the DTAG Secretariat contact person, Allie Frantz, via e-mail at FrantzA@state.gov. DTAG members planning to attend the plenary session should notify the DTAG Secretariat contact person, Allie Frantz, at the e-mail provided above. A RSVP list will be provided to Diplomatic Security and the Reception Desk at the 23rd Street Entrance. One of the following forms of valid photo identification will be required for admission to the

Department of State building: U.S. driver's license, U.S. passport, U.S. Government ID or other valid photo ID. **DATES:** The DTAG meeting will be held on October 21, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Loy Henderson Conference Room at the U.S. Department of State, Harry S. Truman Building, Washington, DC. DTAG members and non-member observers are required to pre-register due to security reasons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who need additional information regarding these meetings or the DTAG should contact the DTAG Executive Secretariat contact person, Allie Frantz, PM/DDTC, SA-1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-0112; telephone (202) 736-9220; FAX (202) 261-8199; or e-mail FrantzA@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) Background

The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade representatives who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade. Individuals interested in defense trade issues are invited to attend and will be able to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chair's instructions. Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the committee in writing.

October 21, 2008 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meeting—Topics for discussion and assigned time frames are as follows: 9:30-9:45 Call to order by DTAG Chairman, followed by Opening Remarks from Department of State Official(s). 9:45-10 Update on the three topics addressed at the June 19, 2008 open plenary; Self-Financing Options for the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (including the DTAG Working Group's presentation of their report), the UK-US Defense Trade Cooperation Treaty Implementing Regulations, and the new USML Category VIII regulations implementing Section 17(c) of the Export Administration Act. 10-11:15 DTAG Working Group on the U.S. Munitions List (USML) Review presentation. 11:30-12:45 DTAG Working Group on ITAR Definitions presentation. 12:45-1 Closing Remarks.

(b) Availability of Materials for the Meetings

The agenda and materials pertaining to the topics for discussion will be

posted on the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls' Web site at <http://pmdt.state.gov/index.htm> no later than October 17, 2008.

(c) Procedures for Providing Public Comments

The DTAG will accept written public comments as well as oral public comments. Comments should be relevant to the topics for discussion. Public participation at the open meeting will be based on recognition by the chair and may not exceed 5 minutes per speaker. Written comments should be sent to the DTAG Executive Secretariat contact person no later than October 14, 2008 so that the comments may be made available to the DTAG members for consideration. Written comments should be supplied to the DTAG Executive Secretariat contact person at the mailing address or email provided above, in Adobe Acrobat or Word format.

Note: The DTAG operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, and all public comments will be made available for public inspection, and might be posted on DDTC's Web site.

(d) Meeting Accommodations

Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the open meeting referenced above should contact Ms. Frantz at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: September 4, 2008.

Robert S. Kovac,

Designated Federal Official, Defense Trade Advisory Group, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2008-0259; OMB Control No.: 2106-0009]

Pricing and Multilateral Affairs Division; Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments; [Renewed Approval of] Information Collection: Exemption From Passenger Tariff-filing Requirements in Certain Instances, and Mandatory Electronic Filing of Residual Passenger Tariffs

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, this notice announces the Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary's (OST) intention to request clearance and renewal of a previously approved information collection. This Information Collection Request (ICR) describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow the public to submit comments on our application to renew ICR 2106–0009, 14 CFR Part 221—Constructing, Publications, Filing and Posting of Tariffs of Air Carriers and Foreign Air Carriers. The pre-existing information collection request previously approved by OMB expires on September 30, 2008.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by: November 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: For submitting comments: Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Mail or Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.

Fax comments: 202–493–2251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kiser, 202–366–2435 or Bernice Gray, 202–366–2418, Pricing and Multilateral Affairs Division, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W86–319 or W86–433, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Exemption from Passenger Tariff-filing Requirements in Certain Instances, and Mandatory Electronic Filing of Residual Passenger Tariffs.

OMB Control No.: 2106–0009.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Background: Section 41504 of Title 49 of the United States Code, requires every U.S. and foreign air carrier to file with the Department and keep open for public inspection, tariffs showing all prices for “foreign air transportation” between points served by that carrier, as well as all the rules relating to that transportation to the extent required by the Department. This requirement includes passenger fares, related charges and governing rules. The detailed tariff-filing rules and authority for approvals, rejections, and waivers are established by 14 CFR Part 221. Once tariffs are allowed to become effective by the

Department, these tariffs become legally binding terms in the contract of carriage for international air transportation.

In several rulemaking proceedings, the Department determined that the amount of tariff material filed by carriers exceeded our regulatory requirements in certain respects; that alternative methods existed for protecting consumers and other elements of the public interest that are more effective than filed tariffs; and that procedures should be developed to foster the electronic filing and the review of those tariffs, which should continue to be filed. On November 30, 1995, the Department published a final rule (Exemption From Property Tariff-Filing Requirement for 14 CFR Parts 221 and 292, Docket No. 49827) exempting carriers from their regulatory duty to file tariffs for foreign air transportation of cargo.

In the final rule (Notice of Exemption from Passenger Tariff-Filing Requirements In Certain Instances, Docket OST–97–2050–12), issued July 21, 1999, the Department determined that the filing of certain tariffs with the Department for foreign air transportation of passengers is no longer necessary or appropriate, and accordingly granted another exemption from the tariff-filing requirement set forth in Part 221. The rule also required that all remaining tariffs be filed electronically. A substantial number of provisions in Part 221 were removed, where redundant or out-dated given present regulatory practices existed.

On October 7, 1999, the Assistant Secretary issued a notice under 14 CFR Part 293, Notice of Exemption from the Department's Tariff-Filing Requirement, Docket OST–97–2050–14, specifying the terms of the exemptions for markets in Category A (no fare filing(s), Category B (normal one-way economy fare filing(s) only or Category C (filing all fares), taking into account specific factors present in each market. The notice also specified which general rules must continue to be filed.

On September 12, 2005, the Assistant Secretary issued a Notice of Exemption from the Department's Tariff-Filing Requirements, Docket OST–97–2050–15, updating the list of countries added to the tariff-filing exemptions under 14 CFR 293 for country-pair markets, transferring more countries between categories, and increasing the number of exempted countries from the tariff-filing requirements.

On April 8, 2008, the Assistant Secretary issued a third notice (Notice of Exemption from the Department's Tariff-Filing Requirements, Docket OST–97–2050–18), updating the list of

countries added to the tariff-filing exemptions under 14 CFR 293 for country-pair markets, transferring more countries between categories and increasing the number of exempted countries from the tariff-filing requirements. Most of the changes in the 2005 and 2008 notices moved countries into Category A (not fare filing(s), reflecting the increasing number of “open skies” air services agreements between the United States and its trading partners. The effect on the burden hours can not be determined at this time for the newest updated list of tariff-filing exemptions. Because of exemptions that have been granted to U.S. and foreign carriers from the statutory and regulatory duty to file international passenger tariffs for many markets, the burden of such filings has been substantially reduced. When the final rule was issued in July 1999, we estimated the total annual burden on respondents at 650,000 hours. In 2007, the Department received 45,840 electronic filings, with an estimated annual burden of 229,200 burden hours. This reflected the fact that fewer markets were subject to filing requirements, but the reduction was tempered somewhat by a higher frequency of filings in markets still subject to filing. Considering these offsetting factors, we anticipate a modest further reduction of burden in the future.

Respondents: The vast majority of the air carriers filing international tariffs are large operators with revenues in excess of several million dollars each year. Small air carriers operating aircraft with 60 seats or less and 18,000 pounds payload or less that offer on-demand air-taxi service are not required to file such tariffs.

Frequency: The information will be collected annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 229,200.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, by the use of electronic means, including the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued On: August 29, 2008.

Patricia Lawton,

IT Policy Oversight, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: FAA-2009-22842]

Notice of Opportunity To Participate, Criteria Requirements and Application Procedure for Participation in the Military Airport Program (MAP)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of criteria and application procedures for designation or redesignation, for the fiscal year 2009 MAP.

SUMMARY: In anticipation of congress enacting an extension of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) the FAA is publishing this annual notice. This notice announces the criteria, application procedures, and schedule to be applied by the Secretary of Transportation in designating or redesignating, and funding capital development annually for up to 15 current (joint-use) or former military airports seeking designation or redesignation to participate in the MAP. While FAA currently has continuing authority to designate or redesignate airports, FAA does not have authority to issue grants for fiscal year 2009 MAP, and will not have authority until Congress enacts legislation enabling FAA to issue grants.

The MAP allows the Secretary to designate current (joint-use) or former military airports to receive grants from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The Secretary is authorized to designate an airport (other than an airport designated before August 24, 1994) only if:

(1) The airport is a former military installation closed or realigned under the Title 10 U.S.C. Sec. 2687 (announcement of closures of large Department of Defense installations

after September 30, 1977), or under Section 201 or 2905 of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Acts; or (2) the airport is a military installation with both military and civil aircraft operations.

The Secretary shall consider for designation only those current or former military airports, at least partly converted to civilian airports as part of the national air transportation system, that will reduce delays at airports with more than 20,000 hours of annual delays in commercial passenger aircraft takeoffs and landings, or will enhance airport and air traffic control system capacity in metropolitan areas, or reduce current and projected flight delays (49 U.S.C. 47118(c)).

DATES: Applications must be received on or before November 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit an original and two copies of *Standard Form (SF) 424*, "Application for Federal Assistance," prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102, available at http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/regional_guidance/northwest_mountain/airports_resources/forms/media/applications/application_sf_424.doc along with any supporting and justifying documentation. Applicant should specifically request to be considered for designation or redesignation to participate in the fiscal year 2009 MAP. Submission should be sent to the Regional FAA Airports Division or Airports District Office that serves the airport. Applicants may find the proper office on the FAA Web site http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/regional_guidance/ or may contact the office below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kendall Ball (Kendall.Ball@faa.gov), Airports Financial Assistance Division (APP-500), Office of Airport Planning and Programming, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, (202) 267-7436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Description of the Program

The MAP provides capital development assistance to civil airport sponsors of designated current (joint-use) military airfields or former military airports that are included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). Airports designated to the MAP may obtain funds from a set-aside (currently four percent) of AIP discretionary funds for airport development, including certain projects not otherwise eligible for AIP assistance.

These airports are also eligible to receive grants from other categories of AIP funding.

Number of Airports

A maximum of 15 airports per fiscal year (FY) may participate in the MAP. There are 5 slots available for designation or redesignation in FY 2009. There is no general aviation slot available this year.

Term of Designation

The maximum term is five fiscal years following designation. The FAA can designate airports for a period of less than five years. The FAA will evaluate the conversion needs of the airport in its capital development plan to determine the appropriate length of designation.

Redesignation

Previously designated airports may apply for redesignation of an additional term not to exceed five years. Those airports must meet current eligibility requirements in 49 U.S.C. 47118(a) at the beginning of each grant period and have MAP eligible projects. The FAA will evaluate applications for redesignation primarily in terms of warranted projects fundable only under the MAP as these candidates tend to have fewer conversion needs than new candidates. The FAA wants MAP airports to graduate to regular AIP participation.

Eligible Projects

In addition to eligible AIP projects, MAP can fund fuel farms, utility systems, surface automobile parking lots, hangars, and air cargo terminals up to 50,000 square feet. Designated or redesignated military airports can receive not more than \$7,000,000 for each fiscal year after 2005 for projects to construct, improve, or repair terminal building facilities. Designated or redesignated military airports can receive not more than \$7,000,000 for each fiscal year after 2005 for MAP eligible projects that include hangars, cargo facilities, fuel farms, automobile surface parking, and utility work.

Designation Considerations

In making designations of new candidate airports, the Secretary of Transportation may only designate an airport (other than an airport so designated before August 24, 1994) if it meets the following general requirements:

- (1) The airport is a former military installation closed or realigned under:
 - (A) Section 2687 of Title 10;
 - (B) Section 201 of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base