

New FAA Protocol

Rationale for Considering ITDM Applicants Seeking To Exercise Higher-Rated Pilot Privileges

After extensive deliberation and careful consideration, the FAA has developed a new FAA ITDM protocol to allow special issuance, based on CGM technology, for any class of medical certificate for ITDM individuals who meet specific criteria. As discussed, several factors contributed to the FAA's decision to develop a new ITDM protocol: Input from the expert medical community; years of experience with private pilots being special-issued for ITDM; the 2015 CAMI study validating safety; the experience of other CAAs with no adverse impact on flight safety; medical advances in the treatment of diabetes; and maturation of CGM technology.

Individuals with ITDM seeking to exercise airline transport or commercial pilot privileges may submit an application via MedXpress for medical review and consideration. CGM use will be implemented for first- or second-class special issuance medical certification for ITDM applicants. As with all cases the FAA reviews, an authorization for special issuance will be based on a favorable determination that safety of flight can be maintained. Also, applicants for third-class special issuance may apply under the existing protocol or the new CGM-based protocol.

Interested applicants should work with their Aviation Medical Examiner, appropriate medical specialists (endocrinologist, cardiologist, ophthalmologist, etc.), and the FAA to coordinate submission of the appropriate documentation needed for consideration. For consideration, potential applicants will need to demonstrate stability and adequate control of ITDM using CGM technology for a minimum of at least 6 months. In keeping with 14 CFR 67.413 requirements to provide the FAA with medical history to ensure appropriate fitness for flight, applicants applying for the new protocol must be able to provide the following:

- (1) Initial comprehensive report from the treating, board-certified endocrinologist
- (2) Initial comprehensive laboratory panel
- (3) Finger-Stick Blood Sugar (FSBS) glucose monitoring data
- (4) Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) data for at least the preceding 6-month period (using a device legally marketed in the United States in accordance with

Food and Drug Administration requirements and containing protocol-specific features needed for appropriate in-flight monitoring.).

- (5) Excel spreadsheet or similar that identifies CGM data for all flights for the past 6 months and any actions taken to address low or high glucose levels.
- (6) Eye evaluation (from a board certified ophthalmologist)
- (7) Cardiac risk evaluation (from a board certified cardiologist)

For more information, applicants interested in applying for an ITDM special issuance should consult the specific ITDM protocols, including CGM features needed for proper in-flight monitoring, by searching "ITDM" in the Guide for Aviation Medical Examiners at: www.faa.gov/go/ITDM.

Individuals who may have submitted an application to the FAA in advance of this announcement will be contacted if further information is needed to process their submission.

This notice is not legally binding in its own right and will not be relied on by FAA as a separate basis for affirmative enforcement action or other administrative penalty. Unless otherwise required by statute or regulation, conformity with the new protocol described here is voluntary only. Nonconformity will not affect rights or obligations under existing statutes and regulations.

Inviting Comments

The FAA is requesting comments on the new ITDM protocol described herein. The agency will consider comments received on or before January 6, 2020. The new ITDM protocol may be revised based on comments received.

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Michael A. Berry,

Federal Air Surgeon.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2019-75]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before November 27, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2019-0565 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael H. Harrison, AIR-673, Federal Aviation Administration, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198, phone and fax 206-231-3368, email Michael.Harrison@FAA.gov.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

Issued in Des Moines, Washington, on November 4, 2019.

James E. Wilborn,

Acting Manager, Transport Standards Branch.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA–2019–0565.

Petitioner: Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: § 25.785(j), 25.791(b), 25.807(g)(1), 25.807(i)(1), 25.809(a), 25.812(e), 25.812(l), 25.857(e), 25.1447(c)(1), and 25.1449.

Description of Relief Sought: ST Engineering, on behalf of Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH, is seeking relief in support of a supplemental type certificate project. The exemption, if granted would permit the carriage of non-crewmembers (commonly referred to as supernumeraries) in the redefined flight deck, forward of the 9g rigid cargo barrier on Airbus Model A320–200 and A321–200 series passenger airplanes converted to freighter airplanes.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. 2019–0599]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Medical Standards and Certification

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 13, 2019. The collection involves information applicants must provide on an application for an FAA medical certificate. The information to be collected will be used to evaluate an applicant's medical fitness.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by December 9, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and

sent via electronic mail to aira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judi Citrenbaum by email at: judi.m.citrenbaum@faa.gov; phone: 202–267–9689.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0034.

Title: Medical Standards and Certification.

Form Numbers: FAA Forms 8500–7, 8500–8, 8500–14.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 13, 2019 (84 FR 40125). The Secretary of Transportation collects this information under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 40113; 44701; 44510; 44702; 44703; 44709; 45303; and 80111. The FAA medical certification program is implemented by Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 61 and 67 (14 CFR parts 61 and 67). The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) determines if applicants are medically qualified to perform the duties associated with the class of medical certificate sought by evaluating the information applicants provide on FAA Form 8500–8. Also, the agency uses two vision forms, as indicated, for individuals who may need further eye evaluation.

Respondents: 405,345 (all three forms).

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1.5 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 585,517 Hours.

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Nicole Harrison,

Management and Program Analyst, Office of Aerospace Medicine, Management and Personnel Systems Branch, AAM–120.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: San Diego and Orange Counties, California; Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) will be prepared for the South County Traffic Relief Effort, a proposed highway project in Orange County and San Diego County, California.

DATES: Formal scoping will occur from November 8, 2019 through December 9, 2019. The deadline for comments is 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2019. Two public scoping meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Wednesday, November 20, 2019 public scoping meeting will be held at Norman P. Murray Community Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92692. The Wednesday, December 4, 2019 public scoping meeting will be held at the Ocean Institute, 24200 Dana Point Harbor Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caltrans District 12, 1750 East 4th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705, Attn: Env/SCTRE Scoping. Formal scoping comments can also be submitted via email at scoping@SCTRE.org. More information can also be found at the project website at <http://www.SCTRE.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007, the FHWA assigned, and Caltrans assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Caltrans as the assigned National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) agency, in cooperation with the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/ETCA), will prepare