DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

High Density Traffic Airports; Slot Allocation and Transfer Method

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of waiver of the slot usage requirement.

SUMMARY: This action waives the minimum slot usage requirement for slots and slot exemptions at the four high density traffic airports. As a result of the recent terrorist attacks, the temporary cessation of air service nationwide, and the temporary reduction in air carrier flight schedules, a waiver is necessary to assist carriers in resuming service and planning future schedules. This waiver is effective through April 6, 2002, which is the end of the winter scheduling season.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 11, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorelei Peter, Office of the Chief Counsel, AGC–220, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number 202–267–3073.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Following the aircraft hijackings and terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the FAA temporarily ceased all non-military flights in the United States and required the adoption of certain security measures prior to the resumption of commercial air service. Several air carriers have reduced flight schedules below previously planned levels in order to adjust to operational changes brought on by the new security requirements. Therefore, the agency finds it necessary to take action to assist carriers in managing their operations at the high density traffic airports as a result of the recent extraordinary events.

Waiver of the Slot Usage Requirement

The regulations governing slots and slot allocation provide that any slot not utilized at least 80 percent of the time over a 2-month period shall be recalled by the FAA (14 CFR 93.227(a)). Additionally, paragraph (j) of that section provides that the Chief Counsel may waive the slot usage requirement in the event of a highly unusual and unpredictable condition that is beyond the control of the slot holder and exists for more than nine days (14 CFR 93.227(j)). These two provisions are also applicable to slot exemptions.

The facts described above meet the criteria for a waiver under Section 93.227(j). Therefore, the FAA is waiving the minimum slot usage requirement in 14 CFR Section 93.227(a) for all slots and slot exemptions at the four high density traffic airports through April 6, 2002, which is the end of the winter scheduling season. Furthermore, the FAA advises that any carrier that chooses temporarily to return slots or slot exemptions to the FAA between now and April 6, 2002 may do so without jeopardizing the carrier's holding of the slots or slot exemptions.

For the purpose of determining slot usage, the FAA will treat allocated slots or slot exemptions as having been used whether or not a flight was actually operated using the slot or slot exemption during this period. This waver applies retroactively beginning on September 11, 2001, for the September-October reporting period, provided that the slot or slot exemption was not already subject to withdrawal for non-use. This waiver will remain in effect through April 6, 2002. Slot use or lose information for each slot or slot exemption must be filed with the FAA unless the slot or slot exemption has been returned for the entire reporting period. Carriers should report as used only those slots or slot exemptions that were actually operated during the reporting period.

Although many carriers have reduced service or are planning temporary flight reductions throughout the system, including at the high density airports, some may be planning slight increases or changes to scheduled flight times that impact their slot holdings at an airport. Carriers are strongly encouraged to work cooperatively with other airlines in order to maximize the use of available slots for any carrier desiring to initiate new or rescheduled service. The FAA will work with carriers to the maximum extent practical to facilitate schedule adjustments during this interim period.

The FAA will continue to monitor any developments that may impact airlines' ability to meet the minimum usage requirements at any of the high density traffic airports. This waiver supersedes the agency's policy statement issued on September 13, 2001, and published in the **Federal Register** on September 18, 2001 (66 FR 48157), which addressed slot usage at LaGuardia Airport.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 4, 2001.

David G. Leitch,

Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

User Input to the Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA will hold an informal public meeting to seek aviation weather user input. Details: November 14, 2001; TRW, 475 School Street, Washington, D.C., 20024; 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Conference Room B. The objective of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested aviation weather users to provide input on FAA's plans for implementing new weather products. This meeting was originally scheduled for September 18, 2001 in New Orleans, LA, was subsequently cancelled, and is now being re-scheduled for the new date.

DATES: The meeting will be held at TRW, 475 School Street, Washington, D.C., 20024 in Conference Room B, Washington, D.C. on November 14, 2001. Times: 1:00–4:00 PM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debi Bacon, Aerospace Weather Policy Division, ARS09100, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone number (202) 385097705; Fax: (202) 385097701; email: *debi.bacon@faa.gov.* Internet address: *http://www.debi.bacon@faa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

In 1999, the FAA established an Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board to manage the orderly transfer of weather capabilities and products from research and development into operations. The Director of the Aerospace Weather Policy and Standards Staff, ARS0920, chairs the AWTT Board. The Board is composed of stakeholders in Air Traffic Services, ATS; Regulation and Certification, AVR; and Research and Acquisitions, ARA in the Federal Aviation Administration and the Office of Meteorology in the National Weather Service.

The AWTT Board will meet semi-annually or as needed, to determine the readiness of weather research and development (R&D) products for experimental use, full operational use for experts or full operational use for end users. The Board's determinations will be based upon criteria in the following areas: users needs; benefits;

costs; risks; technical readiness; operational readiness and budget requirements.

The user interface process is designed to allow FAA to both report progress and receive feedback from industry users. Each AWTT Board meeting will be preceded by a half-day industry review session approximately one month prior to each Board meeting. These industry review sessions will be announced in the **Federal Register** and open to all interested parties.

This meeting is the second industry review session and is intended to receive feedback on weather R&D products that will be presented for consideration at the December 2001 AWTT Board meeting. The products to be considered are the Integrated Icing Diagnosis Algorithm (IIDA) and the Integrated Icing Forecast Algorithm (IIFA).

Meeting Procedures

(a) The meeting will be informal in nature and will be conducted by representatives of the FAA Headquarters.

(b) The meeting will be open to all persons on a space-available basis. Every effort was made to provide a meeting site with sufficient seating capacity for the expected participation. There will be neither admission fee nor other charge to attend and participate.

(c) FAA personnel present will conduct a briefing on how the AWTT system works and changes to the process made in the last year. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the process that is not clear.

(d) FAA personnel will present a briefing on the specific products to be reviewed at the December 2001 AWTT Board Meeting. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the presentation that is not clear.

(e) Any person present may give feedback on the products to be presented. Feedback on the proposed products will be captured through discussion between FAA personnel and any persons attending the meeting. The meeting will not be formally recorded. However, informal tape recordings may be made of the presentation to ensure that each respondent's comments are noted accurately.

(f) An official verbatim transcript or minutes of the informal meeting will not be made. However, a list of the attendees, a digest of discussion during the meeting and an action item list will be produced. Any person attending may receive a copy of the written information upon request to the information contact, above.

(g) Every reasonable effort will be made to hear each person's feedback consistent with a reasonable closing time for the meeting. Written feedback may also be submitted to FAA personnel for up to seven (7) days after the close of the meeting.

Agenda

(a) Opening Remarks and Discussion of Meeting Procedures
(b) Briefing on AWTT Process
(c) Briefing on Weather Products
(d) Request for User Input
(e) Closing Comments

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 3, 2001.

Frances Sherertz,

Deputy Director, Aerospace Weather Policy and Standards Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on January 16, 2001 [66 FR 3645–3646].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 9, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Flanigan at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Safety Performance Standards (NPS–20), 202–366–4918, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 6240, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Title: Replaceable Light Source Dimensional Information Collection, 49 CFR Part 564.

OMB Number: 2127–0563.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Manufacturers of motor vehicle headlamp light sources must provide performance and interchangeability information to NHTSA and the public in order to assure reliable and respectable performance for original and field replaced headlamp bulbs.

Affected Public: Business of other for profit organizations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 28.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On

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; the accuracy of the Departments estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A Comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 3, 2001.

Herman L. Simms,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

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