

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****[Summary Notice No. PE-2005-16]****Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of petition exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption, part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of a certain petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before April 12, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the petition to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2005-20582 at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that the FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the petition, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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**Petitions For Exemption***Docket No.:* FAA-2005-20582.*Petitioner:* John S. Ditmars.*Section of 14 CFR Affected:* § 45.21(b), (c)(2) and (c)(3).

*Description of Relief Sought:* To allow the petitioner to use registration marks on a PA-60 aircraft that do not meet the color contrast requirements of part 45.

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**BILLING CODE 4910-13-P****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Collaborative Decisionmaking Simulation****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Summary of the simulation of a capacity-reducing event using Chicago O'Hare International Airport as a model.

**SUMMARY:** This summarizes the simulation of a capacity-reducing event run by the FAA on July 13-14, 2004. This simulation was conducted by the agency in accordance with Section 423 of Public Law 108-176, codified at section 40129 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

In accordance with Section 423 of Public Law 108-176, the FAA sought to establish a collaborative decision making pilot program that would facilitate certain communications among participating carriers at a designated airport over their flight schedules if the airport experience or is expected to experience reduced capacity because of a capacity-reducing event. On March 23, 2004 (69 FR 13616), the FAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on the FAA's proposed actions to implement a program. In that notice, the FAA announced it was preparing a computer simulation of a capacity-reducing event

using Chicago O'Hare International Airport as a model. The stated purpose of the simulation was to evaluate the effectiveness of different delay-avoidance strategies that may be employed by the FAA and its customers in handling a capacity-reducing event.

The FAA scheduled the simulation for July 13-14, 2003, and issued a letter of invitation to the major airlines operating at O'Hare Airport, and to all major industry groups. The simulation was built around an actual capacity-reducing event that occurred at O'Hare Airport on March 17, 2004, when a ground delay program was implemented at the airport for 11 hours because of a snowstorm. The simulation was designed to allow carriers to review their data for that date, and compare it to the results achieved during the simulation.

This document summarizes the simulation that was conducted on July 13-14, 2004.

**Summary**

Participants in the simulation included seven airlines, two trade groups, and FAA and DOT personnel. The seven airlines represented 96% of the flights into O'Hare Airport. The participants first reviewed the March 17th operation at O'Hare Airport before proceeding to the simulation. In the first simulation scenario, the airlines had entered their date 12 hours in advance, without sharing their information with any other carriers.

Based on the data entered in the software, the carriers were able to accommodate 93% of their passengers on their own airline. A factor impacting this result was the airlines' lack of access during the simulation to the passenger and planning resources available at their Operation Centers. This skewed the number of non-accommodated passengers, because the Operation Centers have resources available to accommodate their passengers, including busing and the use of larger aircraft.

The next simulation reduced the airport arrival rate below the actual rate incurred on March 17, 2004 in order to explore the concept of inter-airline communication. Again the airlines affirmed their ability to accommodate passengers through mechanisms available today, using their existing online and interline flight interruption procedures.

**Conclusions**

The simulation did identify modifications to the ground delay program software that would enhance operations, such as earlier notification