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The second proposed change pertains to the solicitation of public comments through **Federal Register** publication. The current guidelines provide that upon receipt of an application for recertification as an alternative advisory group, we will solicit comments from the public by publishing a notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register**. After a 45 day comment period, we will review the application and all comments received within the comment period and make a determination. The public will then be notified of the decision by **Federal Register** publication.

We now propose to solicit public comments every three years by publishing a notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register**. We believe that the public will benefit from a triennial public comment period. The majority of recent comments have expressed general agreement that the advisory groups have fulfilled their role as mandated by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Therefore, interested individuals and groups will be able to engage in a more substantial and meaningful dialogue if the comment period is opened triennially rather than annually. This streamlining provision would also reduce the administrative burden to both the government and the public.

This notice proposes to change the procedure for certification only during the 2 intervening years. First, a previously-certified advisory group will not have to re-submit a full application for recertification every year. Instead, an advisory group certified in the triennial certification year will, in the intervening 2 years, only have to submit updates or changes from the previous year's application. Second, we will only solicit comments from the public during the triennial certification year. We propose that this procedure commences with the 2001 certification season, meaning that applicants seeking recertification in 2001 need only submit the streamlined application and that we will not solicit public comments prior to recertification during 2001. The triennial review process will take place in 2003. However, we will continue to recertify advisory groups annually. We will continue to use our established criteria to evaluate an advisory group's application for recertification. Finally, we will continue to advise the public of any recertification granted each year, by **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: December 21, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Proposed Advisory Circular 20-27E, Certification and Operation of Amateur-Built Aircraft

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 20-27E, Certification and Operation of Amateur-Built Aircraft for review and comment. The proposal Advisory Circular 20-27E provides information and guidance concerning an acceptable means, but not the only means, of demonstrating compliance with the requirements of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, part 21, Certification Procedures for Products and Parts, regarding Certification and Operation of Amateur-Built Aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments submitted must identify the proposed AC 20-27E and be received by February 22, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed AC 20-27E can be obtained from and comments may be returned to the following: Federal Aviation Administration, Production and Airworthiness Division, AIR-200, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rodney Watson, Airworthiness Certification Branch, AIR-210, Production and Airworthiness Division, Room 815, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, (202) 267-8361.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The proposed AC 20-27E provides information and guidance on the fabrication and assembly, airworthiness certification, and operation of amateur-built aircraft of all types; explains the amount of fabrication and assembly the builder must accomplish for the aircraft to be eligible for amateur-built certification; and describes the role of the FAA in the certification process.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC 20-27E listed in this notice by submitting such

written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the aforementioned specified address. All comments received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director, Aircraft Certification Service, before issuing the final AC.

Comments received on the proposed AC 20-27E may be examined before and after the comment closing date in Room 815, FAA headquarters building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 22, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Request Approval From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a New Public Collection of Information for Data Collection To Be Used for the Update of Two Advisory Circulars

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FAA invites public comment on a new public information collection which will be submitted to OMB for approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to FAA, at the following address: Ms. Judith Street, Room 613, Federal Aviation Administration, Standards and Information Division, APF-100, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judith Street, at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA solicits comments on the following new collection of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of collection. The following is a synopsis of the information collection activity which will be submitted to OMB for review and approval: