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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Reauthorization Act of 1966 (110 Stat. 3213) SEC. 1205., *Regulations Affecting Intrastate Aviation in Alaska*, modifying regulations contained in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, in a manner affecting intrastate aviation in Alaska became law. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration considered the extent to which Alaska is not served by transportation modes other than aviation, established such regulatory distinctions as deemed appropriate.

The Design, Manufacturing and Airworthiness Division (AIR-100) proposes Alaskan Fixed Wing External Loads (FWEL) as a recognized special purpose operation in the restricted category, under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) § 21.25(b)(7). Alaskan FWEL is the carriage of external loads temporarily attached to small, fixed-wing aircraft operating within the state of Alaska. This approval is issued with the following requirements:

1. Alaskan FWEL must be performed in conjunction with the procedures contained in FAA Notice N8900.272 (or its successor policy).

2. An airplane eligible for the carriage of external loads must:

a. Be a small propeller-driven airplane type-certificated in accordance with 14 CFR part 23 (or its predecessor regulations) in the normal, utility, or acrobatic category, and have a valid airworthiness certificate in that category.

b. Have a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 12,500 pounds or less.

3. The airworthiness limitations issued with the airworthiness certificate must include a requirement for training in the carriage of FWEL. The pilot must have sufficient knowledge of (1) external load attaching methods; (2) the airplane operating limitations issued for the external load operation; and (3) how the external load may affect the flight characteristics of the airplane.

**Note:** *Airplane Handling and Flight Characteristics:* When carrying external loads, aerodynamic forces and the weight of an external load change an airplane's handling and flight characteristics. These forces can negatively affect airplane performance (takeoff, climb, cruise, and landing), airplane stability, flight control effectiveness, vibration, fuel consumption, and engine cooling, among other

characteristics. The operator must take care when selecting and mounting an external load and also exercise prudence to avoid operation outside the airplane's approved weight & balance envelope, and to avoid aerodynamic effects that make operations unsafe.

4. The aircraft must be operated in accordance with the gross weight and flight envelope limitations when in the restricted category.

5. No passengers are permitted on board when in restricted category. All persons onboard must be flight crew members, flight crew member trainees, persons who perform an essential function in connection with the special purpose operation, or persons necessary to accomplish the work activity directly associated with the special purpose operation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Advisory Circular (AC) 20-159, Obtaining Design and Production Approval of Airport Moving Map Display Applications Intended for Electronic Flight Bag Systems**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to cancel AC 20-159, Obtaining Design and Production Approval of Airport Moving Map Display Applications Intended for Electronic Flight Bag Systems.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) intent to cancel AC 20-159. This cancellation will result in no new approval of technical standard order authorizations (TSOA) for an "incomplete system" issued for Technical Standard Order (TSO) C-165, Electronic Map Display Equipment for Graphical Depiction of Aircraft Position. Therefore, the guidance contained in AC 20-159 allowing applicants to obtain a design and production approval using the software and database for an airport moving map display (AMMD) intended for use on a Class 2 electronic flight bag (EFB) for ground operations, will no longer be available. FAA AC 120-76C, Guidelines for the Certification, Airworthiness, and Operational Use of Electronic Flight Bags, dated May 9,

2014, replaces AC 20-159 and provides guidance for applicants seeking authorization to display an own-ship symbol limited to the airport surface as a Type B application for use on any EFB.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain additional details, please contact: Mr. Brad Miller, AIR-130, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Systems and Equipment Standards Branch, 470 L'Enfant Plaza Suite 4102, Washington, DC 20024, Telephone (202) 267-8533, FAX: (202) 267-267-8589, Email: [brad.miller@faa.gov](mailto:brad.miller@faa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

In mid-March 2007, the FAA Administrator directed FAA to publish guidance by the end of April 2007 to facilitate the use of an AMMD application on EFBs and to streamline the certification means to deploy this safety enhancement to address airport runway incursions. AC 20-159 provided EFB AMMD applicant guidance to obtain TSO-C165 software-only TSO authorization requiring the need to obtain a design or production approval. However, AC 120-76C later introduced guidance to necessitate only an operator-based evaluation submitted to an FAA inspector for EFB hardware and software application authorization. The FAA envisions all new authorizations for use of AMMD functionality on EFBs be obtained under AC 120-76C as a Type B application.

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### Federal Railroad Administration

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#### **Agency Request for Emergency Processing of Collection of Information by the Office of Management and Budget**

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FRA hereby gives notice that it is submitting the following Information Collection request (ICR) to