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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 21

[Docket No. FAA-2017-0863]

Airworthiness Criteria: Glider Design Criteria for Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co. Models ASG 32 & ASG 32 Mi Gliders

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed design criteria.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on the proposed design criteria for the Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co. models ASG 32 & ASG 32 Mi gliders. The administrator finds the proposed design criteria, which make up the certification basis for the ASG 32 & ASG 32 Mi gliders, acceptable. These final design criteria will be published in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2017-0863 using any of the following methods:

Federal eRegulations 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 of 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: The FAA will post all comments it receives, without change,

to <http://regulations.gov>, including any personal information the commenter provides. Using the search function of the docket Web site, anyone can find and read the electronic form of all comments received into any FAA docket, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-19478), as well as at <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

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: Mr. Jim Rutherford, AIR-692, Federal Aviation Administration, Policy & Innovation Division, Small Airplane Standards Branch, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, MO 64106, telephone (816) 329-4165, facsimile (816) 329-4090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite interested people to take part in this rulemaking by sending written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the design criteria, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will consider all comments received on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change these airworthiness design criteria based on received comments.

Background

On August 23, 2016, Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co. submitted an application for type validation of the ASG 32 glider and ASG 32 Mi powered glider in accordance with the Technical Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness and Environmental Certification Between the FAA and the

European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), Revision 5, dated September 15, 2015. Both models will be documented on a single type certificate. The model ASG 32 is a two-seat, mid-wing, glider constructed from carbon-, glass-, and synthetic-fiber reinforced plastic and features a 65.6 foot (20 meter) wingspan with flaps, double-panel Schempp-Hirth airbrakes on the upper wing surface, winglets, water ballast tanks in the wing, and optional tanks in the fuselage. The glider also features a retractable landing gear with hydraulic disc brakes and a conventional T-type tailplane. The model ASG 32 Mi adds a retractable engine and fixed pitch propeller mounted in the center fuselage behind the cockpit which allows the glider to be self-launching. Both glider versions have a maximum weight of 1,874 pounds (850 kilograms). The EASA type certificated the ASG 32 and ASG 32 Mi gliders under Type Certificate Number (No.) EASA.A.599 on February 11, 2016. The associated EASA Type Certificate Data Sheet (TCDS) No. EASA.A.599 defined the certification basis Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co. submitted to the FAA for review and acceptance.

The applicable requirements for glider certification in the United States can be found in FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 21.17-2A, "Type Certification—Fixed-Wing Gliders (Sailplanes), Including Powered Gliders," dated February 10, 1993. AC 21.17-2A has been the basis for certification of gliders and powered gliders in the United States for many years. AC 21.17-2A states that applicants may utilize the Joint Aviation Requirements (JAR)-22, "Sailplanes and Powered Sailplanes," or another accepted airworthiness criteria, or a combination of both, as the accepted means for showing compliance for glider type certification.

Type Certification Basis

The applicant proposed a Certification Basis based on EASA Certification Specification (CS)-22, "Sailplanes and Powered Sailplanes", amendment 2, dated March 05, 2009. In addition to CS-22 requirements, the applicant proposed to comply with other requirements from the certification basis referenced in EASA TCDS No. EASA.A.599, including special conditions and equivalent safety findings.

The Proposed Design Criteria

Applicable Airworthiness Criteria under § 21.17(b).

Based on the Special Class provisions of § 21.17(b), the following airworthiness requirements form the FAA Certification Basis for this design:

1. 14 CFR part 21, effective February 1, 1965, including amendments 21–1 through 21–98 as applicable.
2. EASA CS–22, amendment 2, dated March 05, 2009.
3. EASA Special Condition No. SC–A.22.1.01, “Increase in maximum mass for sailplanes and powered sailplanes.”
4. EASA Equivalent Safety Finding to CS–22.335(f)—Alternate method to calculate the Design Maximum Speed (V_D) using the Organisation Scientifique et Technique Internationale du Vol à Voile (OSTIV), Airworthiness Standards for Sailplanes, dated July 1997.
5. EASA Equivalent Safety Finding to CS–22.585(a)—Alternate basis for lower towing loads and subsequent lower launching hook attachment loads.
6. “Standards for Structural Substantiation of Sailplane and Powered Sailplane Parts Consisting of Glass or Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastics,” Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA) document no. I4–FVK/91, issued July 1991.
7. “Guideline for the analysis of the electrical system for powered sailplanes,” LBA document no. I334–MS 92, issued September 15, 1992.
8. Operations allowed: VFR-Day
9. EASA Type Certificate Data Sheet No. EASA.A.599, Issue 02, dated March 17, 2016.
10. Date of application for FAA Type Certificate: August 23, 2016.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri on August 28, 2017.

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Acting Manager, Small Airplane Standards Branch, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket Number USCG–2017–0552]

RIN 1625–AA08

Special Local Regulation; Atlantic Ocean, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a recurring special local regulation for navigable waters of the Atlantic Ocean in the vicinity of the Fort Lauderdale for the Grand Prix of the Seas. The Fort Lauderdale Grand Prix of the Seas race course is located east of South Beach Park and North of the Port Everglades inlet.

Approximately one hundred high-speed personal watercraft are expected to participate in this annual event. The special local regulation is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards during the race event. All vessels and persons in the regulated area must follow the direction of Coast Guard personnel, law enforcement, and race officials. We invite your comments on this proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before October 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2017–0552 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or email Petty Officer Mara J. Brown, Sector Miami Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (305) 535–4317, email Mara.J.Brown@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
 DHS Department of Homeland Security
 FR Federal Register
 NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
 § Section
 U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On June 7, 2017, the company Powerboat P1–USA, LLC notified the Coast Guard that it will be conducting the Ft. Lauderdale Grand Prix of the Seas annually. This event will occur yearly on one weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) in November. The race course will be located directly east of South Beach Park in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The special local regulation is intended to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment. The Captain of the Port Miami (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the

high speeds of the participants during the races would be a safety concern for anyone who would enter the race area.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to ensure the safety of vessels and the navigable waters within the established race area, marked with buoys. The Coast Guard proposes this rulemaking under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1233.

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

The COTP proposes to establish a special local regulation for this event occurring annually on one weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) in November. The special local regulation would cover all navigable waters within the established race area, marked with buoys, approximately one mile north of the Port Everglades inlet. The duration of the zone is intended to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters Fort Lauderdale Grand Prix of the Seas race event. Only those vessels participating in the event may enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the regulated area, and all vessels and persons in the regulated area must follow the direction of Coast Guard personnel, law enforcement, and race officials. The proposed regulatory text appears at the end of this document.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this proposed rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs through a budgeting process. This NPRM has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, the NPRM has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, and time-of-year of the special local regulation. Vessel traffic will be able to safely transit around this regulated area, which will impact a small designated area of the Atlantic Ocean in Fort Lauderdale,