

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**11 CFR Part 114****[NOTICE 2003—18]****Rulemaking Petition: Payroll Deduction Contributions to a Trade Association's Separate Segregated Fund****AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.**ACTION:** Rulemaking petition: notice of availability.

SUMMARY: On September 3, 2003, the Commission received a Petition for Rulemaking from America's Community Bankers ("ACB"), a trade association, and its separate segregated fund ("SSF"), COMPAC. The Petition urges the Commission to revise the rule prohibiting the use by member corporations of payroll deductions for contributions to a trade association's separate segregated fund. The Petition is available for inspection in the Commission's Public Records Office, through its Faxline service, and on its Web site, <http://www.fec.gov>.

DATES: Statements in support of or in opposition to the Petition must be submitted on or before November 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Mr. John C. Vergelli, Acting Assistant General Counsel, and must be submitted in either electronic or written form. Electronic mail comments should be sent to payrollded03@fec.gov and must include the full name, electronic mail address, and postal service address of the commenter. Electronic mail comments that do not contain the full name, electronic mail address, and postal service address of the commenter will not be considered. If the electronic mail comments include an attachment, the attachment must be in the Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.doc) format. Faxed comments should be sent to (202) 219-3923, with printed copy follow-up to ensure legibility. Written comments and printed copies of faxed comments should be sent to the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463. Commenters are strongly encouraged to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt and consideration. The Commission will make every effort to have public comments posted on its web site within ten business days of the close of the comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John C. Vergelli, Acting Assistant General Counsel, or Ms. Esa L. Sferra, Law Clerk, 999 E Street, NW.,

Washington, DC 20463, (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Election Commission ("Commission") has received a Petition for Rulemaking from America's Community Bankers and its SSF. Petitioners ask that the Commission revise 11 CFR 114.8(e)(3) to permit, rather than prohibit, the use of payroll deductions for contributions to a trade association's separate segregated fund by a member corporation's executive and administrative personnel.

The Commission seeks comments on this issue. In particular, the Commission asks: Do the proposals by the petitioners represent permissible interpretations of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, specifically 2 U.S.C. 441b? If so, which policy and factual considerations support, and which oppose, petitioners' proposal?

Copies of the Petition for Rulemaking are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Records Office, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on the Commission's Web site, <http://www.fec.gov>. Interested persons may also obtain a copy of the Petition by dialing the Commission's Faxline service at (202) 501-3413 and following its instructions, at any time of the day and week. Request document #255.

Consideration of the merits of the Petition will be deferred until the close of the comment period. If the Commission decides that the Petition has merit, it may begin a rulemaking proceeding. Any subsequent action taken by the Commission will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 17, 2003.

Michael E. Toner,

Commissioner, Federal Election Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39****[Docket No. 2003-CE-37-AD]****RIN 2120-AA64****Airworthiness Directives; AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Pty Ltd. Models N22B, N22S, and N24A Airplanes**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Pty Ltd. (ASTA) Models N22B, N22S, and N24A airplanes. This proposed AD would require you to repetitively inspect wing fittings for fatigue defects, replace or correct defective wing fittings, and replace the stub wing front spar assembly and wing fitting when fatigue life limits are reached. This proposed AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Australia. We are issuing this proposed AD to detect and correct defects in the wing strut upper end fittings, wing strut lower end fittings, stub wing strut pick up fittings, and the stub wing front spar assembly. These defects could result in failure of the fittings or spar assembly and lead to reduced structural capability or reduced controllability of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by December 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following to submit comments on this proposed AD:

- *By mail:* FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-37-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.
- *By fax:* (816) 329-3771.
- *By e-mail:* 9-ACE-7-Docket@faa.gov.

Comments sent electronically must contain "Docket No. 2003-CE-37-AD" in the subject line. If you send comments electronically as attached electronic files, the files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII.

You may get the service information identified in this proposed AD from Nomad Operations, Aerospace Support Division, Boeing Australia, PO Box 767, Brisbane, QLD 4000 Australia; telephone 61 7 3306 3366; facsimile 61 7 3306 3111.

You may view the AD docket at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-37-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Atmur, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712; telephone (562) 627-5224; facsimile (562) 627-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: