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§ 1.56a Delegations to the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

The Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs is delegated authority to:

(a) Represent the Secretary of Transportation on various interagency boards, committees, and commissions to include the Trade Policy Review Group and the Trade Policy Staff Committee.

(b) Except with respect to proceedings under section 4(e) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 307) relating to safety fitness of an applicant, decide on requests to intervene or appear before administrative agencies to present the views of the Department subject to concurrence by the General Counsel.

(c) Carry out the functions of the Secretary pertaining to aircraft with respect to Transportation Orders T-1 and T-2 (44 CFR chapter IV) under the Act of September 8, 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. 2061 *et seq.*) and Executive Order No. 10480 (3 CFR, 1949-1953 comp., p. 962), as amended.

(d) Serve as Department of Transportation member of the Interagency Group on International Aviation, and pursuant to Executive Order No. 11382 (3 CFR, 1966-1970 comp., p. 691), as amended, serve as Chair of the Group.

(e) Serve as second alternate representing the Secretary of Transportation to the Trade Policy Committee as mandated by Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1979 (5 U.S.C. app. at 1381 (1988)) and Executive Order No. 12188 (3 CFR, 1980 comp., p. 131), as amended.

(f) (1) As supplemented by 14 CFR part 385, as limited by paragraph (f)(2) of this section, and except as provided in §§ 1.53(g), 1.57(a), and 1.57(s) of this title, carry out the functions transferred to the Department from the Civil Aeronautics Board under the following statutes:

(i) 49 U.S.C. app. 1551(b); and

(ii) Section 4(a)(1) through (4), (6), and (8) through (10) of the Civil Aeronautics Board Sunset Act of 1984 (49 U.S.C. app. 1553(a)(1) through (4), (6), and (8) through (10)).

(2) Insofar as the delegation in this paragraph (f) authorizes review of decisions of the Designated Senior Career

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Official in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs under § 1.56b of this title, the authority is limited to approving any such decision or remanding it for reconsideration by the Designated Senior Career Official, with a full written explanation of the basis for the remand.

(g) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by the following subsections of section 1115 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, which relates to the security of foreign airports:

(1) Subsection 1115(e)(1), in coordination with the General Counsel, and the Federal Aviation Administrator; and

(2) Subsection 1115(e)(3), in coordination with the General Counsel, the Federal Aviation Administrator, the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, and the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(h) Carry out the following statutory provisions relating to consumer protection:

(1) Section 4(a)(5) of the Civil Aeronautics Board Sunset Act of 1984 (49 U.S.C. app. 1553(a)(5)) relating to enforcement of the Consumer Credit Protection Act;

(2) Sections 101(3) (relating to relieving certain carriers from provisions of the Federal Aviation Act), 204 (relating to taking such actions and issuing such regulations as may be necessary to carry out responsibilities under the Act), 404 (relating to enforcing the duty of carriers to provide safe and adequate service), 407(a) (relating to requiring the production of information), 407(e) (relating to entering carrier property, and inspecting records), 411 (relating to determining whether any carrier or ticket agent is engaged in unfair or deceptive practices or unfair methods of competition), and 416 (relating to establishing just and reasonable classifications of carriers and rules to be followed by each) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, (49 U.S.C. 1301(3), 1324, 1374, 1377 (a) and (e), 1381, and 1386) as appropriate to the consumer protection functions in this paragraph.

(i) Carry out the functions of the Secretary pertaining to a determination of whether a fee imposed upon one or

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more air carriers by the owner or operator of an airport is reasonable under section 113 of the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994 (August 23, 1994; Pub. L. 103-305; 108 Stat. 1577-1579).

(j) Carry out section 101(a)(2) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (Public Law 107-42, 115 Stat. 230), as delegated to the Secretary of Transportation by the President pursuant to a Presidential Memorandum dated September 25, 2001.

[Amdt. 1-261, 59 FR 10063, Mar. 3, 1994, as amended by Amdt. 1-266, 60 FR 11046, Mar. 1, 1995; Amdt. 1-269, 60 FR 15877, Mar. 28, 1995; 66 FR 55599, Nov. 2, 2001]

§ 1.56b Delegations to the Designated Senior Career Official, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

The Designated Senior Career Official in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs is delegated exclusive authority to make decisions in all hearing cases to select a carrier for limited-designation international route authority, and in any other case that the Secretary designates, under the authority transferred to the Department from the Civil Aeronautics Board described in §§ 1.56a(f) and 1.57(s) of this title; this includes the authority to adopt, reject or modify recommended decisions of administrative law judges.

[Amdt. 1-261, 59 FR 10064, Mar. 3, 1994, as amended by Amdt. 1-269, 60 FR 15877, Mar. 28, 1995]

§ 1.57 Delegations to General Counsel.

The General Counsel is delegated authority to:

(a) Conduct all rule-making proceedings, except the issuance of final rules, under specific laws relating generally to standard time zones and daylight saving (advanced standard) time.

(b) Determine the practicability of applying the standard time of any standard time zone to the movements of any common carrier engaged in interstate or foreign commerce and issue operating exceptions in any case in which the General Counsel determines that it is impractical to apply the standard time.

(c) Provide and coordinate the Department's counseling service to employees on questions of conflict of interest and other matters of legal import covered by Departmental regulations on employee responsibility and conduct. Assure that counseling and interpretations on these matters are available to designated Deputy Counselors of the Department. Serve as the Department's designee to the Civil Service Commission on these matters.

(d) Serve as the alternate representative of the Secretary on the Board of Directors of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation when so designated by the Secretary or Deputy Secretary and carry out the functions vested in the Secretary as a member of the board by section 303 of the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1330).

(e) Grant permission, under specific circumstances, to deviate from a policy or procedure prescribed by part 9 of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary (part 9 of this subtitle) with respect to testimony of OST employees as witnesses in legal proceedings, the serving of legal process and pleadings in legal proceedings involving the Secretary or his Office, and the production of records of that Office pursuant to subpoena.

(f) Prepare proposed Executive orders and proclamations (including transmittal documents), effect appropriate Departmental coordination, and determine whether the transmittal to the Office of Management and Budget should be submitted over the Secretary's signature or the General Counsel's.

(g) Emboss and affix the official Departmental seal to appropriate documents and other materials, for all purposes for which authentication by seal is required.

(h) Except with respect to proceedings under section 4(e) of the Department of Transportation Act (80 Stat. 934) relating to safety fitness of an applicant, decide on requests to intervene or appear before courts or agencies to present the views of the Department, subject to the concurrence of other interested staff elements in the Office of the Secretary.