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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, June 20 has actualities on hazardous materials in aviation and a story on a proposed new court system.

First, the Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration is going to require air carriers and air taxi operators to start training programs on the safe carriage and handling of hazardous materials. Aviation Safety Officer Ellis Langford observed:

"As air transportation methods become more sophisticated it is vital that we do everything possible to assure the safety of all who fly. This regulation goes a long way in doing precisely that."

The training will include procedures for the proper packing, labeling, loading and handling of these items. Langford added:

"All such materials will be plainly marked and the pilot in command notified in writing of the carriage of materials. The rule will in short, benefit everyone -- pilots, crews, passengers, operators and handlers."

While the requirement will become effective July 6, carriers will have until December 6 to comply with the training requirements.

Next, a story by a Department spokeswoman dealing with traffic courts.

"The National Highway Safety Advisory Committee says that States should create a new lower court system to handle the bulk of minor traffic offenses which now clog traffic court calendars across the Nation. In a special report to the Department of Transportation, a Committee task force underscored the need to make the traffic court system more efficient and effective in improving highway safety. The report states that the system of traffic case processing has many failings and cites as an example the failure to single out the problem driver from the average traffic offender."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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