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**SUBJECT : APPROVED AIRPLANE FLIGHT MANUALS FOR TRANSPORT CATEGORY AIRPLANES**

1. **PURPOSE.** This circular has been prepared to call attention to the regulatory requirements relating to FAA Approved Airplane Flight Manuals.
2. **BACKGROUND.** Recent instances have been reported regarding the operating of transport category airplanes without an FAA Approved Airplane Flight Manual aboard. In many instances, these operations have followed changes in ownership of the aircraft, during which the original owners had removed the manual. In some cases, the original owners were air carriers who had, as permitted by regulations, included the required Approved Airplane Flight Manual material in company operations manuals.
3. **INFORMATION.** Airplane airworthiness requirements for transport category aircraft include an Approved Airplane Flight Manual. The manual is part of the required equipment for the aircraft and is indicated as such in the official aircraft specification or type certificate data sheet issued at the time of type certification. It contains operating limitations, operating procedures, and performance information which have been approved by the Federal Aviation Agency or its predecessor agency. This approved material may be included with other data, but it must be clearly separated from the other nonapproved data and marked as "Approved". The manual must be current and include all pertinent supplements.

Operation of a transport category aircraft without the Approved Airplane Flight Manual aboard cannot be authorized. An aircraft purchaser should be sure that the manual has been furnished with the aircraft, along with all other required equipment, before the aircraft is operated. If the previous owner cannot provide the manual, the purchaser must obtain one from the manufacturer of the aircraft.

  
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