

## **Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE**

### **Chapter I—Federal Aviation Adminis- tration, Department of Transportation**

[Docket No. 12438, Amdt. 121-100 and 127-30]

#### **PART 121—CERTIFICATION AND OP- ERATIONS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS OF LARGE AIRCRAFT**

#### **PART 127—CERTIFICATION AND OP- ERATIONS OF SCHEDULED AIR CARRIERS WITH HELICOPTERS**

##### **Maintenance, Preventive Main- tenance, and Alterations Programs**

The purpose of these amendments to Parts 121 and 127 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to make certain clarifying changes to the provisions of § 121.367(c) and § 127.133(c) which pertain to programs required to ensure that aircraft released to service are airworthy and properly maintained.

Section 121.367 prescribes program requirements for aircraft inspections, maintenance, preventive maintenance, and alterations that apply to all Part 121 certificate holders. The purpose of paragraph (c) of that section is to ensure the airworthiness and proper maintenance of each aircraft released to service by a Part 121 certificate holder for operations governed by that Part. Therefore, the wording of paragraph (c) should be such as to clearly reflect its applicability not only to aircraft released by air carriers for service in air transportation, but also to those released by commercial operators for operation in air commerce under Part 121. Accordingly, for purposes of clarification this amendment replaces the words "operation in air transportation" currently in paragraph (c) with

the more appropriate words "operation under this Part."

In order to maintain uniformity in the wording of similar regulatory provisions in different parts of the Federal Aviation Regulations, the same clarifying changes are made by this amendment to § 127.133(c) of Part 127 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

Since these amendments are merely clarifying in nature, I find that notice and public procedure thereon are unnecessary and that good cause exists for making them effective on less than 30 days' notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, Parts 121 and 127 of the Federal Aviation Regulations are amended, effective December 20, 1972, as follows:

1. Paragraph (c) of § 121.367 is amended to read as follows:

**§ 121.367 Maintenance, preventive maintenance, and alterations programs.**

(c) Each aircraft released to service is airworthy and has been properly maintained for operation under this part.

2. Paragraph (c) of § 127.133 is amended to read as follows:

**§ 127.133 Maintenance, preventive maintenance, and alterations programs.**

(c) Each helicopter released to service is airworthy and has been properly maintained for operation under this part.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 604, 605, Federal Aviation Act of 1958, 49 U.S.C. 1364(a), 1421, 1424, 1425; sec. 6(c), Department of Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. 1656(c))

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Administrator.

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