

Title 14—Aeronautics and Space

CHAPTER I—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. 18869; Amdt. No. 121-116]

PART 121—CERTIFICATION AND OPERATIONS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS OF LARGE AIRCRAFT

Extension of Compliance Date: Stowage of Containers for Transport of Animals Aboard Aircraft

The purpose of this amendment to Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to extend the time for compliance with § 121.288 for eight months.

On August 9, 1974, the FAA issued Amendment 21-111, effective October 18, 1974, to Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (published in the Federal Register on August 19, 1974; 39 FR 29917) to require that cargo containers housing live animals for carriage by air in the cargo compartments of aircraft be secured in the cargo compartment in such a fashion as to prevent shifting and be protected from the hazards of shifting of other cargo, and to assure that ventilation areas of the container are not obstructed. That amendment was based on a notice of proposed rule making (Notice 74-10) published in the Federal Register on March 11, 1974 (39 FR 9456). In response to petitions received from the Air Transport Association of America and Southern Airways, Inc., and members of the medical profession engaged in research using live animals, the FAA issued Amendment No. 121-112 (39 FR 36576) and extended the date for compliance with § 121.288 until February 18, 1975, to allow certificate holders additional time for obtaining and installing necessary equipment.

It now appears that Part 121 certificate holders have a need for additional time to complete modifications of their aircraft in order to comply with § 121.288. Petitions for exemptions from the February 18, 1975, compliance date have been received by the FAA from eight Part 121 certificate holders that require additional time to complete the necessary modifications of their aircraft. It appears that other certificate holders also have a need for additional time to complete the modifications on all of their aircraft so as not to interrupt their transportation of live animals.

The FAA believes that an eight-month extension of the February 18, 1975, compliance date is appropriate to enable Part 121 certificate holders to complete modifications on all of their aircraft used for the transportation of live animals and to avoid any significant interruption in their transportation.

In view of the imminence of the present effective date and since this amendment imposes no additional burden on any person, I find that notice and public procedure thereon are impractical and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

(Sections 313(a), 601(a), and 604 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421(a), and 1424. Section 6(c) of the Department of Transportation Act; 49 U.S.C. 1655(c).)

In consideration of the foregoing, effective February 14, 1975, the effective date of Amendment 121-111 is changed from February 18, 1975, to October 18, 1975.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on February 14, 1975.

ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD,
Administrator.

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