

Title 14—Aeronautics and Space
CHAPTER I—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. 14320, Amdt. 121-123]

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

Retention of Documents

The purpose of these amendments to Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to permit supplemental air carriers and commercial operators to retain certain required flight documents for 30 days at a place other than the principal operations base.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of these amendments by a notice of proposed rulemaking (Notice 75-8) issued February 21, 1975, and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on March 3, 1975 (40 FR 8830). The FAA received four public comments all of which favored adoption of the proposed amendments. These amendments and the reasons therefor are the same as those contained in Notice 75-8.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, Federal Aviation Act of 1958, (49 U.S.C. 1354(a) and 1421); sec. 6(c), Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1656(c))

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective October 29, 1975, by amending § 121.697(c) and (d), and by adding a new paragraph (e) to that section, to read as follows:

§ 121.697 Disposition of load manifest, flight release, and flight plans: supplemental air carriers and commercial operators.

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(c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, if a flight originates at a place other than the principal operations base of the air carrier or commercial operator, the pilot in command (or another person not aboard the airplane who is authorized by the carrier or operator) shall, before or immediately after departure of the flight, mail signed copies of the documents listed in paragraph (a) of this section to the principal operations base.

(d) If a flight originates at a place other than the principal operations base of the air carrier or commercial operator and there is at that place a person to manage the flight departure for the air carrier or commercial operator who does not himself depart on the aircraft, signed copies of the documents listed in paragraph (a) of this section may be retained at that place for not more than 30 days before being sent to the principal operations base of the air carrier or commercial operator. However, the documents for a particular flight need not be further retained at that place or be sent to the principal operations base, if the originals or other copies of them have been previously returned to the principal operations base.

(e) The supplemental air carrier or commercial operator shall:

(1) Identify in its operations manual the person having custody of the copies of documents retained in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section; and

(2) Retain at its principal operations base either the original or a copy of the records required by this section for at least six months.

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