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Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

Chapter I—Federal Aviation Agency

[Docket No. 7329; Amdt. 121-22]

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

Operation of Certain Aircraft

The purpose of this amendment to § 121.161(b) of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to permit the operation of Martin 404 and Convair Model 240 (CV-240), 580 (CV-580), 600 (CV-600), and 640 (CV-640) airplanes in extended overwater operations without being certificated or approved as adequate for ditching under the airworthiness requirements of Part 25.

This amendment is based on a notice of proposed rule making (Notice No. 66-17) issued on April 27, 1966, and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on May 3, 1966 (31 F.R. 6592). Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment, and due consideration has been given to all matter presented.

The comments generally supported the proposal in the notice which applied to the Martin 404 and CV-240 airplanes only. Two comments suggested inclusion of the CV-600, representing a conversion of the CV-240D to turbopropeller power through use of Rolls Royce engines and Dowty Rotal propellers; the CV-640, representing a conversion of the CV-340/440D to turbopropeller power in the same manner; and the CV-580, representing a conversion of the CV-340/440 to turbopropeller through use of Allison engines and Aeroproducts propellers. These comments pointed out that the conversions of the CV-240, CV-340, and CV-440 airplanes to turbopropeller power would not adversely affect the ditching characteristics of the basic model type since

the external configuration of these airplanes, which would play a significant role in determining the ditching characteristics of the airplanes, remained substantially the same.

The Agency agrees that the conversion of the CV-240, CV-340, and CV-440 airplanes to turbopropeller power without substantial changes to the external configuration of the basic model type does not alter the ditching characteristics of the basic model type. Therefore, the CV-580, CV-600, and CV-640 airplanes in addition to the CV-240 and Martin 404 airplanes (as proposed in the notice) have been included with the DC-3, C-46, CV-340, and CV-440 airplanes as exceptions to the requirement of § 121.161(b) that land airplanes operated under Part 121 in extended overwater operations be certificated or approved as adequate for ditching under the ditching provisions of Part 25.

Since inclusion of the CV-580, CV-600, and CV-640 airplanes within the scope of this amendment represents a minor change, I find that notice and public procedure relating to this aspect of the amendment are unnecessary.

In consideration of the foregoing and for the reasons stated in Notice No. 66-17, § 121.161(b) of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended effective November 7, 1966, to read as follows:

§ 121.161 Airplane limitations: type of route.

*(b) No certificate holder may operate a land airplane (other than a DC-3, C-46, CV-240, CV-340, CV-440, CV-580, CV-600, CV-640, or Martin 404) in an extended overwater operation unless it is certificated or approved as adequate for ditching under the ditching provisions of Part 25 of this chapter.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, and 604 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 49 U.S.C. 1354, 1421, and 1424)

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D. D. THOMAS,
Acting Administrator.

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