

Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

Chapter 1—Federal Aviation Agency SUBCHAPTER G—AIR CARRIER AND COMMERCIAL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION AND OPERATIONS

[Docket No. 8719; Amdt. 121-35]

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

Extension of Compliance Date; Emergency Flotation Equipment

The purpose of this amendment to Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to extend the time for compliance with § 121.340, for 6 months.

On January 21, 1966, the Agency adopted Amendment 121-17 to Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (31 F.R. 1146) to require that each large airplane used in certain overwater operations under Part 121 be equipped with either a life preserver or some other approved flotation means for each occupant. That amendment was based on a notice of proposed rule making issued as Notice No. 65-12 and published in the *FEDERAL REGISTER* on June 19, 1965 (30 F.R. 7963). The Agency believed that Amendment 121-17 provided adequate time for compliance. However, within

the past several weeks the Agency received petitions from 17 Part 121 operators requesting extension of the March 2, 1967, compliance date and the Agency is informed that it is likely that at least 13 additional similar petitions will be received before that date. Some of these petitions indicate that due to delivery delays and seat modification problems, compliance with the March 2, 1967, date is impractical. The Agency has determined that a 6 month postponement of the compliance date would provide adequate time for compliance with § 121.340 and that such a postponement would be in the public interest.

In view of the imminence of the present compliance 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.

In consideration of the foregoing, effective February 28, 1967, paragraph (a) of § 121.340 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended by striking out the date "March 1" and by inserting in place thereof, the date "September 1".

(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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