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14 CFR Part 121, et al  
Service Difficulty Reports; Final Rule

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Parts 121, 125, 135, and 145**

[Docket No. 28293 (FAA-2000-7952);  
Amendment No. 121-284, 125-37, 135-81  
and 145-26]

RIN 2120-AF71

**Service Difficulty Reports**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation  
Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule; delay of effective  
date.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation  
Administration (FAA) is further  
delaying the effective date of a final rule  
that amends the reporting requirements  
for air carriers and certificated domestic  
and foreign repair station operators  
concerning failures, malfunctions, and  
defects of aircraft, aircraft engines,  
systems, and components. This action  
was prompted by questions being raised  
by industry on the reporting in the new  
requirements.

**DATES:** The effective date of the rule  
amending 14 CFR parts 121, 125, 135,  
and 145 published at 65 FR 56192,  
September 15, 2000, is delayed until  
January 18, 2002.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The FAA requested that comments on  
the information collection requirements  
of the Service Difficulty Reporting (SDR)  
final rule (65 FR 56192, September 15,  
2000) be submitted by November 14,  
2000. The FAA has received extensive  
written comments on the SDR reporting  
requirements and duplicate reporting of  
certain failures, malfunctions, and  
defects. On November 30, 2000 (65 FR  
71247), the FAA announced that a  
public meeting on this rulemaking  
would be held on December 11, 2000.  
As a result of this public meeting, novel  
issues were presented that the FAA was  
not aware of during the comment period

to the supplemental notice of proposed  
rulemaking.

The SDR final rule, as published, had  
an effective date of January 16, 2001. On  
December 22, 2000, (65 FR 80743), the  
FAA published a notice of delay of the  
effective date of the final rule. In that  
notice, the effective date of the final rule  
was delayed until July 16, 2001.

The FAA has determined that it will  
need more time to further evaluate the  
commenter's concerns. Therefore, the  
FAA is delaying the effective date of the  
final rule until January 16, 2002. The  
existing rules will remain in effect until  
the new effective date.

Since this delay of the effective date  
is not a new requirement and does not  
impose any additional burden, I find  
that notice and public procedures  
thereon are unnecessary and that good  
cause exists for extending the effective  
date on less than 30 days notice.

Issued in Washington DC, on April 24,  
2001.

**Jane F. Garvey,**  
*Administrator.*

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