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Chapter I—Federal Aviation Admin- istration, Department of Transporta- tion

SUBCHAPTER C—AIR CARRIER AND COMMER- CIAL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION AND OPERA- TIONS

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

Additional Emergency Exits; Extension of Effective Date

The purpose of this amendment is to extend to February 1, 1968, the effective date of the recently adopted requirement that all excess approved emergency exits must meet all of the emergency exit requirements (with minor exceptions) contained in § 121.310 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

On September 15, 1967, the FAA adopted Amendment 121-30, Crashworthiness and Passenger Evacuation Standards; Transport Category Airplanes (32 F.R. 13255), which included a new requirement with respect to approved emergency exits that are in excess of the number required for the passenger seating capacity of the airplane. This new provision requires all such exits in the passenger compartment to meet all of the applicable provisions of § 121.310

(marking, lighting, etc.) except that they must be readily accessible in lieu of the specific access requirements. The Air Transport Association of America has requested a 2-year extension of the effective date of this section. A number of special situations have been pointed out that will present retrofitting problems on certain airplanes being operated under the present requirements of Part 121. The FAA agrees that some of the required changes to these particular excess exits will require additional time for design and installation of equipment. However, it is also felt that these exits should be equipped as quickly as possible since they will contribute significantly to the safe evacuation of passengers. Therefore, the date for compliance with this section is extended only to February 1, 1968.

Since this amendment is an extension of the effective date of a new requirement and imposes no additional burden on any person, I find that notice and public procedure thereon are unnecessary and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective on less than 30 days notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 121.310(j) of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective October 24, 1967, by deleting the first word and by inserting in place thereof the words "After January 31, 1968, approved".

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 603, 604, Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421, 1423, 1424)

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D. D. THOMAS,
Acting Administrator.

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