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### Chapter I—Federal Aviation Agency

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

##### Extension of Time for Compliance With Emergency Evacuation Demonstration Requirements

The purpose of this amendment is to provide an additional 3-month period for certificate holders to comply with the requirements of § 121.291 of Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations for demonstration of emergency evacuation procedures.

As issued on March 3, effective June 7, 1965, this section requires each certificate holder to conduct emergency evacuation demonstrations, in accordance with specified criteria, before July 6, 1965, for each type and model of airplane with a seating capacity of more than 44 passengers used in its passenger-carrying operations. The Agency anticipated that the period before July 6 would provide ample time for certificate holders to prepare for and complete the demonstrations. However, it appears that this expectation was too optimistic.

A number of questions arose relative to the details of the methods to be used in conducting the demonstrations, and a substantial period of time was used to discuss these questions with representatives of the certificate holders and to answer them. Also, it appears from a petition for amendment presented by Air Transport Association, dated April 29,

1965, that certain planning considerations, such as recruitment of evacuees, construction of stands, and issuance of instructions, have required clarification before commencement of demonstrations.

According to reports, the number of demonstrations yet to be accomplished is substantial. These reports indicate 93 demonstrations remaining in the case of 6 air carriers as of May 25, 1965, and approximately 60 demonstrations remaining to be accomplished in one Region of the Agency as of June 4, 1965. Although it appears that certificate holders generally could possibly meet the July 6, 1965, deadline date, the Agency has concluded that the granting of a reasonable additional time period is appropriate to allow the proper planning and conduct of the remaining demonstrations, with opportunity to analyze the demonstrations and incorporate desired changes in the procedures, and to attain maximum effectiveness for the program. This amendment therefore extends the compliance date to October 6, 1965.

Since this amendment grants relief by extending the date for compliance with a requirement of the Federal Aviation Regulations, the Administrator finds that notice and public procedure hereon are not necessary, and this amendment may be made effective immediately.

In consideration of the foregoing, paragraph (a) of § 121.291 of Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective June 11, 1965, by striking out the date "July 6, 1965," and inserting the date "October 6, 1965," in place thereof.

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

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Administrator.

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