

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

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**High Density Traffic Airports; Slot Allocation and Transfer Methods**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT)

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

**SUMMARY:** On August 12, 1992, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a final rule amending the Federal Aviation Regulations governing the allocation and transfer of air carrier and commuter slots effective November 1, 1992 (57 FR 37308; August 18, 1992). Congress subsequently passed a bill postponing the effective date of the rule until January 1, 1993. In view of the pendency of this legislation, this action delays the rule's effective date until January 1, 1993, to remove uncertainty about when compliance will be required.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1993.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 12, 1992, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a final rule amending the Federal Aviation Regulations governing the allocation and transfer of air carrier and commuter slots effective November 1, 1992 (Amendment No. 93-65; 57 FR 37308; August 18, 1992). A "slot" is the authority to conduct an instrument flight rule (IFR) landing or takeoff during certain periods at four high density traffic airports: JFK International, LaGuardia, O'Hare International, and Washington National. The rule changes the slot lottery and withdrawal procedures to enhance the opportunities for carriers holding no or few slots at a high density airport to obtain the necessary authority to conduct landings and takeoffs at the airport. The rule also increases the minimum slot use requirements from 65% to 80%.

Section 206 of the FAA reauthorization bill (H.R. 6168), passed by Congress on October 8, 1992, provides that this rule shall take effect January 1, 1993. The pendency of this legislation renders uncertain the date when persons subject to the rule will

need to comply with the amended provisions. This action is needed to remove that uncertainty.

Because the public needs to be made aware of this postponement immediately, notice and public procedure are impracticable and good cause exists for making the postponement effective in less than 30 days.

In consideration of the foregoing, the effective date of Amendment No. 93-65 (57 FR 37308; August 18, 1992) is delayed from November 1, 1992, to January 1, 1993.

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Administrator.

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