

Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

Chapter I—Federal Aviation Adminis- tration, Department of Transportation

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PART 91—GENERAL OPERATING AND FLIGHT RULES

Extension of Compliance Date for In- stallation of Altitude Alerting Systems

The purpose of this amendment to Part 91 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to extend the compliance date for installation of the altitude alerting system or device required by § 91.51.

Section 91.51 was adopted by Amendment 91-57 (effective September 28, 1968, 33 F.R. 12306). As adopted, § 91.51 required that after February 28, 1971, no person may operate a turbojet powered U.S. registered civil airplane unless that airplane is equipped with an approved altitude alerting system or device which is in an operable condition and meets certain specified requirements.

As a result of unforeseen problems in the manufacture and distribution of the altitude alerting equipment, causing a delay in timely installation, many affected operators petitioned for rule making to extend the February 28, 1971 compliance date. Accordingly, the FAA adopted Amendment 91-81 (35 F.R. 16793) to extend the compliance date of

the section for 6 months to August 31, 1971.

The FAA has recently received numerous petitions for exemptions from air carriers and other interested persons requesting that the August 31, 1971 compliance date be extended. Based on the information contained in these petitions and further FAA study, it appears that substantial procurement, delivery, installation, and reliability problems have arisen with regard to altitude alerting systems or devices. Therefore, we believe that an extension of the compliance date of § 91.51 is in the public interest. Accordingly, § 91.51 has been amended to extend the compliance date thereof to February 29, 1972.

Since this amendment does not change the existing rule, but merely extends the time for compliance, I find that public notice and procedure thereon are not necessary, and that the amendment may become effective in less than 30 days.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 91.51(a) of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective August 31, 1971, by striking out "August 31, 1971," and inserting "February 29, 1972," in place thereof.

(Secs. 313(a), 601(a), Federal Aviation Act of 1958, 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421(a)); sec. 6(c), Department of Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. 1655(e))

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Deputy Administrator.

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