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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 129**

[Docket No. 24856; Amendment No. 129-15]

Delay of Effective Date of Maintenance Program and Minimum Equipment List Requirements for Foreign Air Carriers and Operators of Certain Large U.S.-Registered Airplanes**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), (DOT).**ACTION:** Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: This amendment delays the effective date for the new requirements that U.S.-registered aircraft leased by foreign persons be maintained in accordance with acceptable maintenance standards. This amendment is necessary to provide additional time for the FAA to develop and publish advisory material for the content of the maintenance programs and procedures for their approval. This amendment does not delay the effective date of other amendments published in 52 FR 20026 (May 28, 1987).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment delays the effective date for § 129.14 from August 25, 1987, to February 25, 1988.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background

The FAA stated in the "Analysis of Comments" section of the preamble of the final rule for Amendments 43-28, 91-201, 121-192, 125-9, 129-14, and 135-24 (52 FR 20026; May 28, 1987) that specific requirements and guidance as to what would constitute an approvable maintenance program would be provided by an advisory circular. The FAA now finds that developing and processing an advisory circular in time for the August 25, 1987, effective date of the amendment is not possible and that an effective date of February 25, 1988, for the new maintenance program and minimum equipment list requirements, § 129.14 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, is needed to complete development of this material. Not adopting this amendment would impose a burden both on the foreign air carriers and the FAA because of the difficulty and expenditure of time involved in attempting to develop a program and obtain its approval with inadequate guidance.

Reason for No Notice and Immediate Adoption

In view of the fact that Amendment 129-14 will become effective August 25, 1987, and immediate establishment of a later effective date for the maintenance program and minimum equipment list requirements is needed to allow for development of suitable guidance to effect those requirements, I find that notice and public procedure are impracticable and good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

Conclusion

This amendment will provide the time necessary for development of guidance materials for compliance with new

§ 129.14 of the FAR by extending the effective date 6 months. Because it will not create any additional burden on those subject to the regulation, no costs are associated with this amendment. Therefore, the FAA has determined that this amendment is not major under Executive Order 12291 or significant under the Department of Transportation Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979). It is further certified that under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act this amendment will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, or a substantial number of small entities because no costs are associated with the amendment. For these reasons, the FAA has determined that the expected economic impact is so minimal that a full regulatory evaluation is not warranted.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 129

Aircraft, Air Carrier, Airworthiness.

The Amendment

Accordingly, the effective date for § 129.14 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 129.14) is delayed until February 25, 1988.

Authority

The authority citation for Part 129 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1346, 1354(a), 1356, 1357, 1421, 1502, and 1511; 49 U.S.C. 106(g) (Revised Pub. L. 97-499, January 12, 1983).

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T. Allan McArtor,
Administrator.

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