

Title 14—Aeronautics and Space
CHAPTER I—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. 15595; Amdt. No. 137-5]

PART 137—AGRICULTURAL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

Clarification of Aircraft Inspection Requirements

The purpose of this amendment to part 137 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to clarify the applicability of the aircraft inspection requirements of § 137.53(c) to the large and turbine-powered multi-engine civil airplanes of U.S. registry that are subject to the inspection requirements contained in § 91.217.

Amendment 91-101 was adopted by the FAA on July 17, 1972 (37 FR 14758). That amendment prescribed inspection requirements in § 91.217 for large and turbine-powered multiengine civil airplanes of U.S. registry. The requirements apply to those airplanes when they are used in certain operations, including agricultural aircraft operations governed by Part 137. However, the current provisions of § 137.53(c) do not reflect the inspection requirements in § 91.217, and this could lead to misunderstanding and an unnecessary duplication of inspections under § 137.53(c).

Accordingly, this amendment is being adopted to clarify the inspection requirements of § 137.53(c) applicable to aircraft which have been inspected in accordance with the inspection program requirements of § 91.217.

Since this amendment is clarifying in nature and imposes no additional burden on any person, I find that notice and public procedure are unnecessary and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective on less than 30 days notice.

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

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 137 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective May 24, 1976, by amending § 137.53(c) (1) to read as follows:

§ 137.53 Operation over congested areas: pilots and aircraft.

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- (c) *Aircraft.* (1) Each aircraft must—
- (i) If it is an aircraft not specified in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, have had within the preceding 100 hours of time in service a 100-hour or annual inspection by a person authorized by Part 65 or 145 of this chapter, or have been inspected under a progressive inspection system; and
 - (ii) If it is a large or turbine-powered multiengine civil airplane of U.S. registry, have been inspected in accordance with the applicable inspection program requirements of § 91.217 of this chapter.

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Acting Administrator.

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