

than 30 days. Also, § 47.31(b) is clarified to reflect the fact that the temporary authority to operate only authorizes operation "without registration" under section 501(a) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1401(a)).

Finally, the FAA is adding new § 47.31(c) that makes the new 90-day validity period applicable to each application signed after October 5, 1967. This transitional provision eliminates the need to issue letters of extension to applicants whose applications were signed less than 90 days before the effective date of this amendment, and provides them with temporary authority to operate for what remains of the 90-day period. Applicants whose applications were signed 90 days, or more, before the effective date of this amendment will be issued letters of extension, if the FAA has not taken final action. New § 47.31(c) also allows the applicant to change the notation on obsolete FAA Form 8050-1 from 30 to 90 days. This will enable the FAA to exhaust its supply of those forms.

This amendment imposes no additional burden on any person and relieves a restriction in Part 47 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. Therefore, I find that, under section 553 of Title 5, United States Code, notice and public procedure are unnecessary and this amendment may be made effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

In consideration of the foregoing, effective January 3, 1968, Part 47 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended by amending § 47.31(b), and by adding a new § 47.31(c), to read as follows:

§ 47.31 Application.

(b) After he complies with paragraph (a) of this section, the applicant shall carry the second duplicate copy (pink) of the Application for Aircraft Registration, FAA Form 8050-1, in the aircraft as temporary authority to operate it without registration. This temporary authority is valid until the date the applicant receives the certificate of the Aircraft Registration, FAA Form 8050-3, or until the date the FAA denies the application, but in no case for more than 90 days after the date the applicant signs the application. If by 90 days after the date the applicant signs the application, the FAA has neither issued the Certificate of Aircraft Registration nor denied the application, the FAA Aircraft Registry issues a letter of extension that serves as authority to continue to operate the aircraft without registration while it is carried in the aircraft. This paragraph does not apply to an application under § 47.37 for registration of an aircraft last previously registered in a foreign country.

(c) Paragraph (b) of this section applies to each application submitted under paragraph (a) of this section, and signed after October 5, 1967. If, after that date, an applicant signs an application and the second duplicate copy (pink) of the Application for Aircraft Registration, FAA Form 8050-1, bears an obsolete statement

limiting its validity to 30 days, the applicant may strike out the number "30" on that form, and insert the number "90" in place thereof.

(Secs. 313(a), 501, 1001, Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1401, 1481)

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D. D. THOMAS,
Acting Administrator.

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See correction

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PART 47—AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION

**Temporary Authority To Operate
Extension of Validity Period**

The purpose of this amendment to Part 47 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to relax and clarify § 47.31(b) by making the temporary authority to operate without registration valid for 90 days, rather than for 30 days, after the application is signed.

After an applicant submits an Application for Aircraft Registration under §§ 47.31 (a) and (b) requires him to carry the second duplicate copy (pink) in the aircraft as temporary authority to operate it without registration. This authority is valid until the date the applicant receives the Certificate of Aircraft Registration, or until the date the FAA denies the application, but in no case for more than 30 days after the date the applicant signs the application. If the FAA neither issues the certificate nor denies the application within 30 days, it issues the applicant a letter of extension.

Issuing a letter of extension, whenever the FAA is unable to complete processing an Application for Aircraft Registration within 30 days, places a considerable administrative burden on the agency. Several factors may combine to prevent final FAA action within 30 days, including variations in the rate at which applications are received, defective applications, and mechanical problems. To substantially reduce or eliminate the present administrative burden, the FAA is amending § 47.31(b) to make the temporary authority to operate valid for 90, rather

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Correction

In F.R. Doc. 68-13 appearing at page 11 of the issue for Wednesday, January 3, 1968, the first sentence of the second paragraph is corrected to read as follows: "After an applicant submits an Application for Aircraft Registration under § 47.31(a), § 47.31(b) requires him to carry the second duplicate copy (pink) in the aircraft as temporary authority to operate it without registration."