

Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

Chapter I—Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation

[Docket No. 11113; Amdt. 47-13]

PART 47—AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION

Availability of One to Three Symbol Aircraft Identification Numbers

The purpose of these amendments to § 47.15 of the Federal Aviation Regula-

tions is to remove the regulatory restrictions on the assignment and reservation of one to three symbol aircraft identification numbers.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of these amendments by a notice of proposed rule making (Notice 71-17) issued on May 20, 1971, and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on June 3, 1971 (36 F.R. 10801). Due consideration has been given to the one public comment presented in response to that notice, which comment concurred with the proposal.

As stated in Notice 71-17, the further reservation of one to three symbol aircraft identification numbers for FAA aircraft by regulatory provision is not now considered necessary, and removal of the restrictive rule should not affect the future assignment of small numbers to those aircraft. Also, the FAA and the public have had an undue burden attendant upon processing requests for assignment of one to three symbol numbers under § 47.15, as well as in processing a substantial number of petitions for exemption. Furthermore, removing the special rules on the assignment or reservation of these numbers will not have an adverse effect on owners of small aircraft, since § 45.29(f) of the Federal Aviation Regulations provides relief as to the size of required marks for small surfaces.

Also as stated in Notice 71-17, the FAA contemplates that after the issuance of these amendments it will release one to three symbol aircraft identification numbers on a "first come, first served" basis. Each assignment or reservation of one of these numbers will require payment of a \$10 fee for a special identification number.

In consideration of the foregoing, paragraph (d) of § 47.15 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended to read as follows and paragraphs (e) and (g) of that section are revoked as follows, effective September 20, 1971:

§ 47.15 Identification number.

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(d) Any unassigned U.S. identification number may be assigned as a special identification number. An applicant who wants a special identification number or wants to change the identification number of his aircraft may apply for it to the FAA Aircraft Registry. The fee required by § 47.17 must accompany the application.

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(g) [Revoked]

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(Secs. 307(c), 313(a), title V of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, 49 U.S.C. 1348, 1354(a), 1401 et seq.; sec. 6(c), Department of Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. 1655(c); § 1.47(a), Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation)

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J. H. SHAFFER,
Administrator.

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