

[Docket No. 8679, Amdt. 183-8]

**PART 183—REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Designations of Aviation Medical Examiners**

The purpose of this amendment to Part 183 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to stagger the renewals of designations of Aviation Medical Examiners, all of which at present are due on or before January 1 of each year.

Before this amendment, § 183.15(a) has provided that designations of all Aviation Medical Examiners lapsed on or before January 1 of each year. It has been an undue administrative burden to reevaluate, almost simultaneously, the designations of the Aviation Medical Examiners, who now are nearly 6,900 in number.

Under § 183.15(b), renewals of designations of Flight Standards designated Representatives occur on an annual, but not a calendar year, basis. Thus, the same administrative task exists as in the case of Aviation Medical Examiners but it does not require the same concentration of effort in a very short period of time.

This amendment retains the annual renewal feature of § 183.15(a), but provides that renewal of each designation will come up on its anniversary date, the day and month when the designation was first issued to the Aviation Medical Examiner. This will provide staggered

renewals, spreading out the administrative workload over the year. It will not in any way jeopardize uniformity and effective control of the Aviation Medical Examiner program.

The renewal of designations for the calendar year 1968 has been accomplished by the issuance of 1968 identification cards. However, to adjust to the new system and afford uninterrupted authority to these representatives of the Administrator, soon after the effective date of this amendment the FAA expects to begin issuing new 1-year designations on the anniversary dates of first issuance of an identification card to each examiner. During the following 12-month period this will spread out the issuance of new identification cards fairly evenly over the calendar year. Those Aviation Medical Examiners who have not received new anniversary-date identification cards by January 1, 1969, will receive 1969 calendar-year cards for use pending receipt of anniversary-date cards under the new system.

Since this amendment is not a substantive rule, notice and public procedure thereon are not required and it may be made effective less than 30 days after publication.

In consideration of the foregoing, paragraph (a) of § 183.15 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective January 27, 1968, to read as follows:

**§ 183.15 Duration of certificates.**

(a) Unless sooner terminated under paragraph (c) of this section, a designation as an Aviation Medical Examiner is effective for 1 year after the date it is issued, and may be renewed for additional periods of 1 year in the Federal Air Surgeon's discretion. A renewal is effected by a letter and issuance of a new identification card specifying the renewal period.

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(Secs. 313(a), 314 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1355)

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