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Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

Chapter I—Federal Aviation Agency

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PART 129—OPERATIONS OF FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS

Flight Crewmember Certificates

The purpose of this amendment is to revise § 129.15 to permit foreign air carriers conducting operations within the United States to use crewmembers holding current certificates or licenses validated by the country in which the aircraft is registered.

Under the current regulations, no person may act as a flight crewmember unless he holds a current airman certificate issued by the country in which the aircraft is registered. No provision is made for the validation of airmen certificates by the country of registry.

Section 1.2.1 of Annex I to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Fifth Edition, November 1962) to which the United States is a party provides for both issuance and validation of airmen certificates by the country of registry. The ICAO rule enables contracting states which are not equipped to issue all types of airmen certificates to validate the appropriate certificates of other contracting states.

Failure of the Federal Aviation Regu-

lations to provide for both issuance and validation of airmen certificates by the country of registry is unintentional. Furthermore, with respect to other ICAO countries, the current situation does not conform to the mandate of section 1102 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 which requires the Administrator to act consistently with any obligation assumed by the United States in any convention. Accordingly, an amendment to § 129.15 is necessary.

Since this amendment is minor in nature, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and good cause exists for making this amendment effective immediately.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 129.15 of Part 129 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR § 129.15) is amended to read as follows:

§ 129.15 Flight crewmember certificates.

No person may act as a flight crewmember unless he holds a current certificate or license issued or validated by the country in which that aircraft is registered, showing his ability to perform his duties connected with operating that aircraft.

(Sec. 305, 313(a), 1102, Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1346, 1354(a), 1502))

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