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change to FARs 121 and 135

Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

Chapter I—Federal Aviation Adminis- tration, Department of Transportation

[Docket No. 10752; Amdt. Nos. 121-73 and
135-25]

PART 121—CERTIFICATION AND OP- ERATIONS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS OF LARGE AIRCRAFT

PART 135—AIR TAXI OPERATORS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS OF SMALL AIRCRAFT

Carriage of Dangerous Weapons Aboard Aircraft

The purpose of these amendments to Parts 121 and 135 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to change the references in §§ 121.585 and 135.64 from "air carrier" and "air taxi operator" to "certificate holder," thereby making the prohibition against the carriage of deadly or dangerous weapons encompass persons aboard aircraft operated by commercial operators certificated under Parts 121 and 135 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The amended rule will also encompass persons aboard aircraft operated by air travel clubs certificated under Part 123, since that part requires compliance with § 121.585 as it applies to commercial operators.

These amendments are considered

necessary in the interest of safety in view of the increasing hazards to safety in air commerce due to the hijacking of aircraft.

Because of the emergency nature of the threat to the safety of persons and property carried in air commerce due to hijacking, I find that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable and contrary to the public interest, and that this amendment may become effective in less than 30 days notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, Parts 121 and 135 of the Federal Aviation Regulations are amended, effective January 5, 1971, as follows:

1. In § 121.585 by striking out the words "an air carrier in air transportation" in the opening paragraph and inserting the words "a certificate holder" in place thereof; and by striking out the words "air carrier" in paragraph (b) and inserting the words "certificate holder" in place thereof.

2. In § 135.64 by striking out the words "an air taxi operator" in the opening paragraph and inserting the words "a certificate holder" in place thereof; and by striking out the words "air taxi operator" in paragraph (b) and inserting the words "certificate holder" in place thereof.

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

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*J. H. SHAFFER,
Administrator.*

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