

[Docket No. 13890; Amdt. Nos. 47-18; 49-8]

**PART 47—AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION**

**PART 49—RECORDING OF AIRCRAFT TITLES AND SECURITY DOCKETS**

**Aircraft Registry Mailing Address**

These amendments to Parts 47 and 49 of the Federal Aviation Regulations provide a new mailing address for the FAA Aircraft Registry in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for use by the public in submitting documents to the Aircraft Registry.

Interested persons have been given an opportunity to participate in the making of these amendments by a notice of proposed rule making, Notice No. 74-26, published in the Federal Register on July 15, 1974 (39 FR 25953). Forty-four public comments were received in response to the Notice, and each has been considered in the adoption of these amendments.

The majority of the comments opposed the proposals concerning a "close of business" receipt of documents, and the return of documents found to be defective at the time of recordation examination. The FAA has carefully considered these comments and has determined that the intent of the Notice to provide more expeditious and effective service can be met through administrative changes in Registry procedures which can be implemented without rule-making action. Accordingly, the proposed changes to § 49.19 are being withdrawn.

Since these proposals are being withdrawn, it is appropriate to describe current Aircraft Registry procedures:

Mailed conveyances are delivered to a room where cashier and index personnel are collocated. The mail is opened, the money processed, and the conveyance indexed. Conveyances delivered personally are time-stamped and indexed as they are received. Two indexes are prepared, one using the N number of the aircraft or other identifying description, and the other using an alphabetical listing of the parties to the transactions.

Index sheets are delivered to the title search room each day on an hourly basis, and are computerized at the end of each day and week. This allows individuals who are searching aircraft titles to make their opinions contingent only upon the conveyances filed during the current one-hour period.

In addition to the withdrawal of the proposed changes to § 49.19, the FAA is also withdrawing proposed new § 49.20 regarding the return of defective conveyances. This action is based upon substantive public comments received in response to the proposal. With the withdrawal of this proposal, the Aircraft Registry will continue current procedures which provide for (1) retention of a defective conveyance in suspense with a notice of deficiency being sent to the appropriate party; or, (2) return of the conveyance for correction.

The withdrawal of these proposals does not preclude the FAA from issuing, in the future, other notices concerning this subject, nor commit the agency to any future course of action.

With respect to the proposal for a separate post office box number for the exclusive use of the Aircraft Registry, no opposition was submitted and the FAA has determined that the proposal should be adopted. This action will assist in the expeditious processing of all incoming mailed conveyances by reducing handling time.

(Sec. 313(a), 501, 502, and 503 Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1401, 1402, and 1403) sec. 6(c) Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(c)).

In consideration of the foregoing, Parts 47 and 49 of the Federal Aviation Regulations are amended, effective September 8, 1976, as follows:

1. By amending § 47.19 to read as follows:

**§ 47.19 FAA Aircraft Registry.**

Each application, request, notification, or other communication sent to the FAA under this part must be mailed to the FAA Aircraft Registry, Department of Transportation, Post Office Box 25504, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125, or delivered to the Registry at 6400 South MacArthur Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2. By amending § 49.11 to read as follows:

**§ 49.11 FAA Aircraft Registry.**

To be eligible for recording, a conveyance must be mailed to the FAA Aircraft Registry, Department of Transportation, Post Office Box 25504, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125, or delivered to the Registry at 6400 South MacArthur Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Administrator.

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