

Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

Chapter I—Federal Aviation Adminis- tration, Department of Transporta- tion

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PART 133—ROTORCRAFT EXTERNAL- LOAD OPERATIONS

Evidence of Pilot Knowledge and Skill

The purpose of this amendment to Part 133 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to permit a pilot, conducting a rotorcraft external-load operation, to carry in his personal possession a letter of competency in lieu of carrying his logbook as evidence that he has demonstrated his knowledge and skill with the load combination.

Under present rule § 133.31(d) (4), a pilot is required to carry his logbook with the appropriate entry indicating that he had demonstrated his knowledge and skill with respect to the rotorcraft-load-combination operations that he is conducting. Frequently, the logbook is the only permanent record of the pilot's flight experience, and by requiring the logbook to be carried, the chances of it being lost or destroyed are thereby enhanced. As a result, the requirement, in practice, has very often proved to be both impractical and inconvenient to the pilot.

The purpose of the rule is to provide readily available evidence that a pilot

has previously demonstrated his knowledge and skill in the type of operation being conducted. The FAA has determined that this purpose can be accomplished by the equally effective means of carrying a letter of competency as well as by carrying the logbook with the appropriate entry. This letter can be issued by the appropriate person who makes the logbook entry and will, without affecting safety, serve as an easily carried, effective alternative to carrying the logbook.

Since this amendment is relaxatory and does not adversely affect safety or impose a burden on any person, I find that notice and public procedure thereon are unnecessary.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 133.31(d) (4) is amended effective January 25, 1968, to read as follows:

§ 133.31 Operating rules.

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(4) The pilot has in his personal possession his logbook containing the appropriate entry, or a letter of competency from the Administrator or the chief pilot, indicating that the pilot complied with subparagraph (3) of this paragraph.

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(Secs. 313(a), 601(c), Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421)

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WILLIAM F. MCKEE,
Administrator.

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