

## Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

### Chapter I—Federal Aviation Admin- istration, Department of Transporta- tion

[Docket No. 9227; Amdt. 121-45]

#### PART 121—CERTIFICATION AND OPERATIONS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL AIR CAR- RIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPER- ATORS OF LARGE AIRCRAFT

##### Additional Emergency Equipment

The purpose of this amendment of § 121.310(h) of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to require each passenger-carrying airplane to be equipped with exterior lighting that meets the requirements of § 25.812(g) in addition to meeting the requirements of § 25.812(f). The amendment also extends the compliance date for the installation of such equipment.

The portion of the amendment dealing with meeting the requirements of § 25.812(g) was proposed in Notice No. 68-28 issued on October 30, 1968 (33 F.R. 16147).

Section 121.310(h), as it presently reads, sets September 30, 1969, as the date for compliance. Notice No. 68-28 did not change this date and the Federal Aviation Administration intended that the September 30, 1969, deadline would also be applicable to the amended § 121.310(h).

Several comments were received on the proposal contained in Notice No. 68-28, and those that commented on § 121.310(h) agreed on the need for exterior emergency lighting at nonoverwing emergency exits. However, at least two comments indicated that air carriers would not only have a major difficulty meeting the September 30, 1969, compliance deadline with respect to § 121.310(h) as it currently reads, but that this difficulty would be compounded by the need to comply with the same deadline in connection with the amended regulation. These comments requested an extension of the deadline so that the air carriers would meet this difficulty which is primarily caused by the general unavailability of modification kits for exterior emergency lighting. In this connection,

it should be noted that one air carrier has filed with the Federal Aviation Administration a petition requesting an extension of the compliance deadline currently included in § 121.310(h).

After consideration of the comments and the petition, the Federal Aviation Administration has determined that an extension of the September 30, 1969, deadline for compliance with the exterior emergency lighting requirements both of the current and amended § 121.310(h) would be appropriate. Since, however, it appears that there would be no problem in meeting the September 30, 1969, deadline with regard to the slip resistant escape route requirements, the compliance deadline for that portion of § 121.310(h) will remain unchanged.

Since the part of this amendment extending the compliance date does not impose an additional burden on the affected certificate holders, I find that public notice and procedure thereon are not necessary, and that it may become effective in less than 30 days.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 121.310(h) of the Federal Aviation Regulations is hereby amended, effective February 15, 1969, to read as follows:

##### § 121.310 Additional emergency equip- ment.

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(h) Exterior emergency lighting and escape route:

(1) After June 30, 1971, or upon the first airplane major maintenance visit after December 30, 1969, whichever comes first, each passenger-carrying airplane must be equipped with exterior lighting that meets the requirements of §§ 25.812(f) and 25.812(g) of this chapter.

(2) After September 30, 1969, each passenger-carrying airplane must be equipped with a slip resistant escape route that meets the requirements of § 25.803(e) of this chapter.

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(Secs. 313(a), 601, 603, and 604 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended; 49 U.S.C. 1354, 1421, 1423, and 1424, and sec. 6(c) of the Department of Transportation Act; 49 U.S.C. 1655)

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D. D. THOMAS,  
Acting Administrator.

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