

Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

Chapter I—Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation

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

Authorization for Extension of Compliance Date for Installation of Flight Recorders

The purpose of this amendment is to authorize FAA Air Carrier District Offices to extend the December 15, 1967, compliance date by which date flight recorders on airplanes operated under Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations must be installed in accordance with the requirements of § 25.1459 of Part 25 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

On December 29, 1965, the FAA adopted an amendment to Part 25 of the Federal Aviation Regulations to establish installation requirements for flight recorders on transport category airplanes and an amendment to Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations to require that by December 15, 1967, flight recorders required thereunder must be installed in accordance with the newly established Part 25 requirements. The effect of the Part 121 amendment is in most instances to require that the flight recorder be relocated further aft in the airplane. While the modifications necessary to accomplish the required relocation are not extensive, certain additional

parts are essential. The FAA is informed that a sufficient number of modification kits will not be available before December 15, 1967, to accomplish all of the required relocations. Since the affected Part 121 certificate holders are not able to control the availability of the required parts and equipment, it appears that extension of the December 15, 1967, compliance date may be justified in certain cases and that the responsible FAA District Office should be empowered in appropriate cases to grant extensions up to July 15, 1968.

Since this amendment merely authorizes FAA inspectors to grant extensions of an existing compliance date and imposes no additional burden on any person, I find that notice and public procedure thereon are impractical and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective on less than 30 days notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 121.343 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective June 22, 1967, by adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 121.343 Flight recorders.

(e) A certificate holder may obtain an extension for compliance with the requirements of paragraph (d) of this section beyond the required compliance date, but not beyond July 15, 1968, from the FAA Air Carrier district office charged with the overall inspection of its operation, if it shows that due to circumstances beyond its control it cannot comply by the earlier date.

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

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WILLIAM F. McKEE,
Administrator.

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