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PART 135—AIR TAXI OPERATORS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS OF SMALL AIRCRAFT [NEW]

Extension of Compliance Date for Requirement of Alternate Source of Static Pressure

The purpose of this amendment is to extend for six months the compliance date for § 135.155(e) of Part 135 [New] of the Federal Aviation Regulations. This requirement, effective September 7, 1964, provides that for IFR operations with passengers under this Part an airplane must be equipped with an alternate source of static pressure for the altimeter and the airspeed and vertical speed indicators.

Many small airplanes used in air taxi and commercial operations are not equipped with an alternate static pressure source. This was not required under the regulations that preceded Part 135 [New], but it was included as an emergency equipment requirement in proposed Part 47 of the Civil Air Regulations, the forerunner of Part 135 [New].

After adoption of Part 135 [New], a number of unanticipated problems arose with respect to acceptable methods of complying with § 135.155(e). Principally, these problems were concerned with installation and engineering for various types of aircraft, including the

use of kits. At least one aircraft manufacturer is now developing a kit that, if approved and installed, would be an acceptable method of compliance with the alternate static source requirement. Additional time will be required to solve these problems. Therefore, pending their resolution, compliance with § 135.155(e) should not be required.

Since this amendment grants relief by extending the date for compliance with a requirement of the Federal Air Regulations, the Administrator finds that notice and public procedure hereon are not necessary, and this amendment may be made effective immediately.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 135.155(e) of Part 135 [New] of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective December 25, 1964, to read as follows:

§ 135.155 Equipment requirements: airplanes carrying passengers under IFR.

No person may operate an airplane under IFR, carrying passengers, unless it has—

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(e) After March 6, 1965, an alternate source of static pressure for the altimeter and the airspeed and vertical speed indicators;

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This amendment is made under the authority of sections 313(a) and 601-610 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1354, 1421-1430).

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N. E. HALABY,
Administrator.

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