information security refresher briefings for all cleared employees at least annually and to provide derivative classification training for employees authorized to apply derivative classifications before exercising this authority and then at least once every 2 years thereafter. This direct final rule also gave licensees flexibility in determining the means and methods for providing this training. In the direct final rule, the NRC stated that if any significant adverse comments were received on the companion proposed rule by September 6, 2013 (78 FR 48076; August 7, 2013), a notice of timely withdrawal of the direct final rule would be published in the Federal Register. A significant adverse comment is one where a commenter explains why the rule would be inappropriate, including challenges to its underlying premise or approach, or would be ineffective, or unacceptable without change. The NRC did not receive any comments that warranted withdrawal of the direct final rule. Therefore, this direct final rule was effective as scheduled.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of November 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Flightcrew Member Duty and Rest Requirements; Technical Correction

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; technical correction.

SUMMARY: The FAA is correcting the final flightcrew member duty and rest rule published on January 4, 2012. In that rule, the FAA amended its existing flight, duty and rest regulations applicable to certificate holders and their flightcrew members operating certain domestic, flag, and supplemental operations. This document corrects several issues requiring a technical correction in the codified text of the final flightcrew member duty and rest rule.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 4, 2012, the FAA published a final rule entitled “Flightcrew Member Duty and Rest Requirements” (77 FR 330). In that rule, the FAA created a new part, part 117, which replaced the then-existing flight, duty, and rest regulations for part 121 passenger operations. As part of this rulemaking, the FAA also applied the new part 117 to certain part 91 operations. This document corrects the flight-duty-period limits, the cumulative flight-time limitations, and the regulatory text of § 121.470(b) to apply to airplanes with a passenger seat configuration of “30 seats or fewer . . . and a payload capacity of 7,500 pounds or less.” 2 Because this was not the intent of the final rule, § 121.470(b) has been corrected so that all-cargo operations that previously operated pursuant to § 121.470(b) can continue to do so after the final rule becomes effective.3

2 Conflict Between the Definitions in § 117.3 and Other Definitions

The regulatory text in § 117.3 has been corrected to clarify that if there is a conflict in definitions, the definitions in § 117.3 control only for purposes of the flight and duty limitations and rest requirements of part 117.

3 Reporting Requirements of § 117.11(c)

Section 117.11(b) permits a flightcrew member to exceed the flight-time limits of § 117.11(a) and § 117.23(b) in certain circumstances. To ensure that the FAA is notified in all instances in which the § 117.11(b) extension is utilized, § 117.11(c) has been corrected to clarify that reporting is required if the extension in § 117.11(b) is used to exceed either the limits of § 117.11 or § 117.23(b).

4. Reporting Requirements of § 117.19(b)(4)

Similar to § 117.11(b), § 117.19(b) permits a flightcrew member to exceed the flight-duty-period limits specified in Tables B and C and in § 117.23(c). To ensure that the FAA is notified in all instances in which the § 117.19(b) extension is utilized, § 117.19(b)(4) has been corrected to clarify that reporting is required if the extension in § 117.19(b) is used to exceed either the limits of Tables B/C or § 117.23. We note that while reporting is not required if the limits of Table B or C are exceeded by 30 minutes or less, the corrected § 117.19(b) requires certificate holder reporting if the limits of § 117.23 are exceeded by any amount of time.

5. Cumulative Limitations in § 117.23(b)

The cumulative flight-time limitations in § 117.23(c) have been corrected to clarify that a flightcrew member cannot accept an assignment that would cause that crewmember’s total flight duty period to exceed either 60 hours in any
168 consecutive hours or 190 hours in any 672 consecutive hours.

6. Reporting Requirements of §117.29(e)

Similar to §117.11(b) and §117.19(b), §117.29 permits a flightcrew member to exceed the cumulative limits specified in Tables A, B, and C, and in §117.23. To ensure that the FAA is notified in all instances in which the §117.29(b) extension is utilized, §117.29(e) has been corrected to clarify that reporting is required if the extension in §117.29(b) is used to exceed either the limits of Tables A/B/C or §117.23.

Accordingly, in the final rule, FR Doc. 2011–33078, published on January 4, 2012 (77 FR 330), make the following corrections:

§117.3 [Corrected]

1. On page 398, in the second column, in §117.3, the introductory text is corrected to read as follows:

§117.3 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in §§1.1 and 110.2 of this chapter, the following definitions apply to this part. In the event there is a conflict in definitions, the definitions in this part control for purposes of the flight and duty limitations and rest requirements of this part.

§117.11 [Corrected]

2. On pages 399 and 400, in the third column on page 399 and the first column of page 400, in §117.11, correct paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§117.11 Flight time limitation.

(c) Each certificate holder must report to the Administrator within 10 days any flight time that exceeded the maximum flight time limits permitted by this section or §117.23(b). The report must contain a description of the extended flight time limitation and the circumstances surrounding the need for the extension.

§117.19 [Corrected]

3. On page 400, in the third column, in §117.19, correct paragraph (b)(4) to read as follows:

§117.19 Flight duty period extensions.

(b) Each certificate holder must report to the Administrator within 10 days any flight duty period that either exceeded the cumulative flight duty periods specified in §117.23(c), or exceeded the maximum flight duty period limits permitted by Tables B or C of this part by more than 30 minutes. The report must contain a description of the circumstances surrounding the affected flight duty period.

§117.23 [Corrected]

4. On page 401, in the first column, in §117.23, paragraph (c)(1) is corrected to read as follows:

§117.23 Cumulative limitations

(c) * * * * *

(1) 60 flight duty period hours in any 168 consecutive hours or

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§117.29 [Corrected]

5. On page 401, in the third column, in §117.29, correct paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§117.29 Emergency and government sponsored operations.

(e) Each certificate holder must report within 10 days:

(1) Any flight duty period that exceeded the maximum flight duty period permitted in Tables B or C of this part, as applicable, by more than 30 minutes;

(2) Any flight time that exceeded the maximum flight time limits permitted in Table A of this part and §117.11, as applicable; and

(3) Any flight duty period or flight time that exceeded the cumulative limits specified in §117.23.

§121.470 [Corrected]

6. On page 403, in the first column, in §121.470, correct paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§121.470 Applicability.

(b) Certificate holders conducting scheduled operations entirely within the States of Alaska or Hawaii with airplanes having a passenger seat configuration of more than 30 seats, excluding each crewmember seat, or a payload capacity of more than 7,500 pounds, may comply with the requirements of this subpart or subpart R of this part for those operations.

§121.470 [Corrected]

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