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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 121

[Docket No. FAA-2002-6717; Amendment No. 121-348]

RIN 2120-AI03

Extended Operations (ETOPS) of Multi-Engine Airplanes; Technical Amendment

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; Technical amendment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration is making a minor amendment to a previously published final rule. That final rule applied to air carrier, commuter, and on-demand turbine powered multi-engine airplanes used in passenger-carrying, and some all-cargo, extended-range operations. This technical amendment corrects an incorrect citation reference.

DATES: Effective March 15, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final rule, Extended Operations (ETOPS) of Multi-engine Airplanes, applied to air carrier (part 121), commuter, and on-demand (part 135) turbine powered multi-engine airplanes used in passenger-carrying, extended range operations (January 16, 2007; 72 FR 1808). All-cargo operations in airplanes with more than two engines of both part 121 and part 135 were exempted from the majority of this rule.

The rule established regulations governing the design, operation and maintenance of certain airplanes operated on flights that fly long distances from an adequate airport. It codified current FAA policy, industry best practices and recommendations, as well as international standards designed to ensure long-range flights will continue to operate safely. To ease the transition for current operators, the rule included delayed compliance dates for certain ETOPS requirements.

In the final rule § 121.646(b)(1)(i)(B) incorrectly references § 121.133. The citation should read § 121.333.

Technical Amendment

This technical amendment merely corrects an incorrect cross-reference in § 121.646. No other changes are made to the section.

Justification for Immediate Adoption

Because this action corrects a cross-reference, the FAA finds that notice and public comment under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) is unnecessary. For the same reason, the FAA finds that good cause exists under 5 U.S.C. 553(d) for making this rule effective upon publication.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 121

Air carriers, Aircraft, Airmen, Alcohol abuse, Aviation safety, Charter flights, Drug abuse, Drug testing, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Safety, and Transportation.

The Amendment

■ In consideration of the forgoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 121 as follows:

PART 121—OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATIONS

§ 121.646 [Amended]

■ 1. Amend § 121.646 (b)(1)(i)(B) by removing the citation “§ 121.133” and adding in its place the citation “§ 121.333.”

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Pamela Hamilton-Powell,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044

Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulations on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans and Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans prescribe interest assumptions for valuing and paying certain benefits under terminating single-employer plans. This final rule amends the asset allocation regulation to adopt interest assumptions for plans with valuation dates in the second quarter of 2010 and amends the benefit payments regulation to adopt interest assumptions for plans with valuation dates in April 2010. Interest assumptions are also published on PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).
DATES: Effective April 1, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PBGC's regulations prescribe actuarial assumptions—including interest assumptions—for valuing and paying plan benefits of terminating single-employer plans covered by title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The interest assumptions are intended to reflect current conditions in the financial and annuity markets.

These interest assumptions are found in two PBGC regulations: The regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044) and the regulation on Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4022). Assumptions under the asset allocation regulation are updated quarterly; assumptions under the benefit