

SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pub. L. 118-63, title III, § 357(b), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1115, provided that: “The Administrator [of the Federal Aviation Administration] may take such action as may be necessary to support or launch initiatives that seek to advance the professional development and continuing education of aerospace professionals.”

VALIDATION OF POWERED-LIFT AIRCRAFT

Pub. L. 118-63, title III, § 358(c)(3), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1118, provided that: “In carrying out section 40104(d) of title 49, United States Code (as amended by this Act), the Administrator [of the Federal Aviation Administration] shall ensure coordination with international civil aviation authorities regarding the establishment of mutual processes for efficient validation, acceptance, and working arrangements of certificates and approvals for powered-lift aircraft, products, and articles.”

POWERED-LIFT AIRCRAFT

Pub. L. 118-63, title III, § 358(e), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1119, provided that: “In developing the methodology required under section 40104(d)(7)(H) of title 49, United States Code (as added by subsection (d)), the Administrator [of the Federal Aviation Administration] shall—

“(1) perform an assessment of existing bilateral aviation safety agreements, implementation procedures, and other associated bilateral arrangements to determine how current and future powered-lift products and articles can utilize the most appropriate validation mechanisms and procedures;

“(2) facilitate global acceptance of the approach of the FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] to certification of powered-lift aircraft, products, and articles; and

“(3) consider any other information determined appropriated by the Administrator.”

INTERNATIONAL PILOT TRAINING

Pub. L. 116-260, div. V, title I, § 119(e), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2341, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator, and other appropriate officials of the Government shall exercise leadership in setting global standards to improve air carrier pilot training and qualifications for—

“(A) monitoring and managing the behavior and performance of automated systems;

“(B) controlling the flightpath of aircraft without autoflight systems engaged;

“(C) effectively utilizing and managing autoflight systems, when appropriate;

“(D) effectively identifying situations in which the use of autoflight systems is appropriate and when such use is not appropriate; and

“(E) recognizing and responding appropriately to non-normal conditions.

“(2) INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP.—The Secretary, the Administrator, and other appropriate officials of the Government shall exercise leadership under paragraph (1) by working with—

“(A) foreign counterparts of the Administrator in the ICAO and its subsidiary organizations;

“(B) other international organizations and fora; and

“(C) the private sector.

“(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In exercising leadership under paragraph (1), the Secretary, the Administrator, and other appropriate officials of the Government shall consider—

“(A) the latest information relating to human factors;

“(B) aircraft manufacturing trends, including those relating to increased automation in the cockpit;

“(C) the extent to which cockpit automation improves aviation safety and introduces novel risks;

“(D) the availability of opportunities for pilots to practice manual flying skills;

“(E) the need for consistency in maintaining and enhancing manual flying skills worldwide;

“(F) recommended practices of other countries that enhance manual flying skills and automation management; and

“(G) whether a need exists for initial and recurrent training standards for improve pilots’ proficiency in manual flight and in effective management of autoflight systems.

“(4) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—The Secretary, the Administrator, and other appropriate officials of the Government shall provide to the congressional committees of jurisdiction regular briefings on the status of efforts undertaken pursuant to this subsection.”

[For definitions of terms used in section 119(e) of div. V of Pub. L. 116-260, set out above, see section 137 of div. V of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 40101 of this title.]

INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS REGARDING TRACKING OF
CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Pub. L. 115-254, div. B, title III, § 304, Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3261, provided that: “The Administrator [of the Federal Aviation Administration] shall exercise leadership on creating a global approach to improving aircraft tracking by working with—

“(1) foreign counterparts of the Administrator in the International Civil Aviation Organization and its subsidiary organizations;

“(2) other international organizations and fora; and

“(3) the private sector.”

§ 40105. International negotiations, agreements, and obligations

(a) ADVICE AND CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of State shall advise the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Secretaries of Transportation and Commerce, and consult with them as appropriate, about negotiations for an agreement with a government of a foreign country to establish or develop air navigation, including air routes and services. The Secretary of Transportation shall consult with the Secretary of State in carrying out this part to the extent this part is related to foreign air transportation.

(b) ACTIONS OF SECRETARY AND ADMINISTRATOR.—(1) In carrying out this part, the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator—

(A) shall act consistently with obligations of the United States Government under an international agreement;

(B) shall consider applicable laws and requirements of a foreign country; and

(C) may not limit compliance by an air carrier with obligations or liabilities imposed by the government of a foreign country when the Secretary takes any action related to a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under chapter 411 of this title.

(2) This subsection does not apply to an agreement between an air carrier or an officer or representative of an air carrier and the government of a foreign country, if the Secretary of Transportation disapproves the agreement because it is not in the public interest. Section 40106(b)(2) of this title applies to this subsection.

(c) CONSULTATION ON INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION POLICY.—In carrying out section 40101(e) of this title, the Secretaries of State and Transportation, to the maximum extent practicable, shall consult on broad policy goals and individual negotiations with—

- (1) the Secretaries of Commerce and Defense;
- (2) airport operators;
- (3) scheduled air carriers;
- (4) charter air carriers;
- (5) airline labor;
- (6) consumer interest groups;
- (7) travel agents and tour organizers; and
- (8) other groups, institutions, and governmental authorities affected by international aviation policy.

(d) CONGRESSIONAL OBSERVERS AT INTERNATIONAL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS.—The President shall grant to at least one representative of each House of Congress the privilege of attending international aviation negotiations as an observer if the privilege is requested in advance in writing.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1102.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
40105(a)	49 App.:1462. 49 App.:1551(b)(1)(B). 49 App.:1655(c)(1).	Aug. 23, 1958, Pub. L. 85-726, §802, 72 Stat. 783. Aug. 23, 1958, Pub. L. 85-726, 72 Stat. 731, §1601(b)(1)(E); added Oct. 24, 1978, Pub. L. 95-504, §40(a), 92 Stat. 1745. Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, §6(c)(1), 80 Stat. 938; Jan. 12, 1983, Pub. L. 97-449, §7(b), 96 Stat. 2444.
40105(b)	49 App.:1502(a). 49 App.:1551(b)(1)(E).	Aug. 23, 1958, Pub. L. 85-726, §1102(a), 72 Stat. 797; Feb. 15, 1980, Pub. L. 96-192, §17, 94 Stat. 42. Aug. 23, 1958, Pub. L. 85-726, 72 Stat. 731, §1601(b)(1)(E); added Oct. 4, 1984, Pub. L. 98-443, §3(e), 98 Stat. 1704.
40105(c)	49 App.:1655(c)(1). 49 App.:1502(c).	Aug. 23, 1958, Pub. L. 85-726, 72 Stat. 731, §1102(c), (d); added Feb. 15, 1980, Pub. L. 96-192, §17, 94 Stat. 43.
40105(d)	49 App.:1551(b)(1)(E). 49 App.:1502(d).	

In subsection (a), the words “government of a foreign country” are substituted for “foreign governments” in 49 App.:1462 and “foreign country” in 49 App.:1502(a) for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words “Secretary of Transportation” are substituted for “Department of Transportation” in 49 App.:1551(b)(1)(B) because of 49:102(b). The words “Secretary of State” are substituted for “Department of State” because of 22:2651.

In subsection (b)(1), before clause (A), the words “carrying out” are substituted for “exercising and performing . . . powers and duties” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the Code. In clause (A), the words “an international agreement” are substituted for “any treaty, convention, or agreement that may be in force between the United States and any foreign country or foreign countries” for consistency and to eliminate unnecessary words. In clause (C), the word “public” is added for consistency in this part.

In subsection (b)(2), the words “obligation, duty, or liability arising out of a contract or other” and “heretofore or hereafter” are omitted as surplus. The words “government of a foreign country” are substituted for “foreign country” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the Code. The last sentence is inserted to inform the reader that section 40106(b)(2) of the revised title qualifies this subsection.

In subsection (c), before clause (1), the words “To assist” are omitted as surplus. The words “carrying out” are substituted for “developing and implementing” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the Code. The word “both” is omitted as surplus. In clause (8), the word “authorities” is substituted for

“agencies” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the Code.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

RECIPROCAL AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATION

Pub. L. 108-176, title VIII, §812, Dec. 12, 2003, 117 Stat. 2590, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—As part of their bilateral negotiations with foreign nations and their civil aviation counterparts, the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall facilitate the reciprocal airworthiness certification of aviation products.

“(b) RECIPROCAL AIRWORTHINESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘reciprocal airworthiness certification of aviation products’ means that the regulatory authorities of each nation perform a similar review in certifying or validating the certification of aircraft and aircraft components of other nations.”

REPORT ON CERTAIN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

Pub. L. 103-305, title V, §519, Aug. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 1600, provided that: “The Secretary shall report every other month to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation [now Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure] of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the status of all active aviation bilateral and multilateral negotiations and informal government-to-government consultations with United States aviation trade partners.”

§ 40106. Emergency powers

(a) DEVIATIONS FROM REGULATIONS.—Appropriate military authority may authorize aircraft of the armed forces of the United States to deviate from air traffic regulations prescribed under section 40103(b)(1) and (2) of this title when the authority decides the deviation is essential to the national defense because of a military emergency or urgent military necessity. The authority shall—

- (1) give the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration prior notice of the deviation at the earliest practicable time; and
- (2) to the extent time and circumstances allow, make every reasonable effort to consult with the Administrator and arrange for the deviation in advance on a mutually agreeable basis.

(b) SUSPENSION OF AUTHORITY.—(1) When the President decides that the government of a foreign country is acting inconsistently with the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft or that the government of a foreign country allows territory under its jurisdiction to be used as a base of operations or training of, or as a sanctuary for, or arms, aids, or abets, a terrorist organization that knowingly uses the unlawful seizure, or the threat of an unlawful seizure, of an aircraft as an instrument of policy, the President may suspend the authority of—

- (A) an air carrier or foreign air carrier to provide foreign air transportation to and from that foreign country;
- (B) a person to operate aircraft in foreign air commerce to and from that foreign country;
- (C) a foreign air carrier to provide foreign air transportation between the United States and another country that maintains air service with the foreign country; and