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**DEMONSTRATIONS OF PORTABILITY OF
AUTOMATIC SLIDE/RAFT ASSEMBLIES**

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It has recently come to our attention that air carriers have been required to remove one of the slide/raft assemblies from an airplane cabin door, transport the assembly to an over-wing exit and to carry it out through the over-wing exit. All of the foregoing was part of a ditching demonstration being conducted under FAR 121.291.

- a. We consider that the possible inadvertent inflation of the slide/raft assembly either during a demonstration or in an actual emergency to be sufficiently contrary to safe practice that:
 - (1) Such a procedure should not be required as a part of any demonstration
 - (2) Such a procedure should not be used as part of an evacuation plan except in the extreme case where logical options are not available.
- b. Removal of the slide/raft from the door and placement at the next nearest available exit should suffice for a demonstration of slide raft portability.