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National Part 139 CertAlert

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To: **Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 139 Certificated Airport Operators and Federally Obligated Airports**

Subject: **14 CFR Part 139 – New 14 CFR Part 3 Falsification Regulation**

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1. Purpose.

This CertAlert is to inform Part 139 certificate holders of a recent rulemaking on the implementation and enforcement of new falsification requirements under revised 14 CFR Part 3, General Requirements, Subpart D—*Falsification, Reproduction, Alteration, Omission, or Incorrect Statements*.

2. Background.

On September 3, 2025, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a revision to Part 3 that establishes new prohibitions against the falsification of applications, records, and other documents submitted to the FAA. This final rule serves to consolidate all existing FAA falsification regulations, including those contained within Part 139.115, into a single section under 14 CFR.

The effective date of this rule was November 3, 2025, and existing Part 139.115 falsification prohibitions need to be removed. For further information about the new FAA falsification regulation, please refer to the final rule notice (90 FR 42524) available on the Federal Register website (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/09/03/2025-16902/falsification-reproduction-alteration-omission-or-incorrect-statements>). The text of 14 CFR Part 3, General Requirements, Subpart D, is included at the end of this CertAlert for your reference.

3. Action.

The FAA Airports Regional Offices will reach out to Part 139 certificate holders within their respective regions to request amendments to Airport Certification Manuals (ACMs) per Part 139.205(a)(2) and (d). This amendment will remove existing ACM references to Part 139.115 (typically located in Section 115) and add new Part 3 falsification prohibitions. These amendments will take effect on **February 17, 2026**.

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14 CFR Part 3, Subpart D—Falsification, Reproduction, Alteration, Omission, or Incorrect Statements

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§ 3.401 Applicability and definitions.

- (a) This subpart applies to any person subject to the requirements in subchapter A (except parts 1 and 3), subchapter C (except part 39), subchapter D, subchapter E (except parts 71 and 73), subchapter F (except parts 95 and 97), subchapter G (except part 110), subchapter H, and subchapter K (except parts 185, 187, 189, and 193), of this chapter.
- (b) For purposes of this part, “document in any format” includes documents (electronic or physical), and also other tangible items, such as data plates or marked parts.

§ 3.403 Falsification, reproduction, alteration, or omission.

- (a) No person may make or cause to be made any fraudulent or intentionally false statement in:
 - (1) Any document in any format, submitted under any provision referenced in § 3.401, consisting of or related to any acceptance, application, approval, authorization, certificate, rating, declaration, designation, qualification, record, report, request for reconsideration, or similar; or
 - (2) Any document in any format that is kept, made, or used to show compliance with any requirement under the provisions referenced in § 3.401.
- (b) No person may make or cause to be made any production, reproduction, or alteration, for fraudulent purpose, of:
 - (1) Any document in any format, submitted or granted under any provision referenced in § 3.401, consisting of or related to any acceptance, application, approval, authorization, certificate, rating, declaration, designation, qualification, record, report, request for reconsideration, or similar; or
 - (2) Any document in any format that is kept, made, or used to show compliance with any requirement under the provisions referenced in § 3.401.
- (c) No person may knowingly omit, or cause to be omitted, a material fact in:
 - (1) Any document in any format, submitted under any provision referenced in § 3.401, consisting of or related to any acceptance, application, approval, authorization, certificate, rating, declaration, designation, qualification, record, report, request for reconsideration, or similar; or
 - (2) Any document in any format that is kept, made, or used to show compliance with any requirement under the provisions referenced in § 3.401.
- (d) The commission by any person of an act prohibited under paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section is a basis for:
 - (1) Denying, suspending, modifying, revoking, rescinding, removing, or withdrawing any acceptance, application, approval, authorization, certificate, rating, declaration, designation,

qualification, request for reconsideration, or similar, issued or granted by the Administrator and held by that person; or

(2) A civil penalty.

§ 3.405 Incorrect statement or omission.

(a) The following may serve as a basis for suspending, modifying, revoking, rescinding, removing, or withdrawing an acceptance, approval, authorization, certificate, rating, declaration, designation, qualification, or similar, or denying an application or request for reconsideration, or similar, issued or granted by the Administrator:

(1) An incorrect statement or omission of fact by any person, in or from any document in any format, submitted under any provision referenced in § 3.401, that was material to the issuance, validity, or granting of that acceptance, application, approval, authorization, certificate, rating, declaration, designation, qualification, request for reconsideration, or similar; or

(2) An incorrect statement or omission of fact by any person, in or from any document in any format that is kept, made, or used to show compliance with any requirement under the provisions referenced in § 3.401, that was material to the issuance, validity, or granting of that acceptance, approval, authorization, certificate, rating, declaration, designation, qualification, request for reconsideration, or similar.