

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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National Policy

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SUBJ: Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Aircraft Cabin Crewmembers

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides information to Flight Standards Service (AFS) aviation safety inspectors (ASI) regarding the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) authority relating to aircraft cabin crewmember occupational safety and health.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is Certificate Management Office (CMO) and Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) personnel. The secondary audience includes AFS divisions and branches in the regions and in headquarters (HQ).
- 3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices. Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Operators can find this notice on the FAA's Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.
- 4. Discussion.** On August 21, 2013, the FAA issued a new policy statement that allows some Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards to apply to aircraft cabin crewmembers while they are on board aircraft in operation. An aircraft cabin crewmember means a person assigned to perform duty in an aircraft cabin when the aircraft is in operation (other than flightcrew members). This policy applies to all aircraft operations (e.g., Title 14 CFR parts 91, 121, 135, etc.) that utilize at least one aircraft cabin crewmember, including cargo handlers, medical personnel, supernumeraries and evacuation crewmembers. The FAA continues to exercise its statutory authority to regulate all other working conditions of aircraft cabin crewmembers while they are on aircraft in operation, and to fully occupy and exhaust the field of flightcrew members' occupational safety and health. OSHA's hazard communication, bloodborne pathogens, occupational exposure to noise, recording and reporting occupational injuries and illness, access to employee exposure and medical records, and the anti-discrimination provisions of section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act), Title 29 of the United States Code (29 U.S.C.), § 660(c), now apply to aircraft cabin crewmembers. All air carrier employees are covered by the anti-discrimination provisions of Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR21), Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.), § 42121.

5. Action. FAA field personnel do not have any responsibilities associated with this policy. Refer any questions concerning this policy change to the FAA National Aviation Safety and Health Program Manager, Gene Kirkendall, at Gene.Kirkendall@FAA.gov or (202) 267-3994. More information on this subject may be found at www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/ashp/.

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions concerning the information in this notice to the Air Transportation Division (AFS-200), Air Carrier Operations Branch (AFS-220), Gene Kirkendall at (202) 267-3994.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Barbagallo". The signature is written in a cursive style with some horizontal lines through the letters.

John Barbagallo
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