

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Direct Final Rule Affecting Expiration Dates of Aircraft Registration
Certificates

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces the issuance of a direct final rule affecting Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 47.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards Safety Assurance offices' aviation safety inspectors (ASI). The secondary audience includes the Safety Standards and Foundational Business offices.

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at <https://drs.faa.gov>. Operators and the public can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) website at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.

4. Background.

a. Section 556 of Public Law (PL) 115-254, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, required the FAA to initiate rulemaking to extend the duration of aircraft registration certificates for all noncommercial general aviation aircraft from 3 years to 7 years. The FAA cannot distinguish between commercial and noncommercial general aviation aircraft; therefore, the FAA is extending the registration duration for all aircraft to 7 years.

b. The FAA issued a direct final rule on November 22, 2022 (Federal Register (FR) 87 FR 71210, Increase the Duration of Aircraft Registration) that updates part 47, § 47.40 to change the duration of the Certificate of Aircraft Registration (Aeronautical Center (AC) Form 8050-3) from 3 years to 7 years. All valid registrations will be updated retroactively to extend the certificate's duration to accommodate the full 7-year period.

c. The final rule also removes the FAA's requirement to issue letters of extension for AC Form 8050-1, Aircraft Registration Application (the "Application"). The temporary authority to operate an airworthy U.S. aircraft within the United States without registration (i.e., while carrying a copy of the signed application in the aircraft) is valid until the applicant receives the certificate, or until the date the FAA denies the Application (refer to § 47.31(c)(1)). This temporary authority is not available in connection with any Application received when

12 months have passed since the receipt of the first Application following transfer of ownership by the last registered owner (refer to § 47.31(c)(2)).

5. Effect of Rule. The following changes to part 47 are effective January 23, 2023.

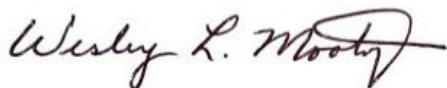
a. Certificates Issued After January 23, 2023. All aircraft registration certificates issued after January 23, 2023, will expire 7 years from the date of issuance.

b. Certificates Valid on January 23, 2023. On January 23, 2023, all valid registrations will expire 7 years from the date of issuance. The registry intends to send new registration certificates to all aircraft owners before the expiration date on current certificates. The new registration certificates will have the correct expiration date.

c. Temporary Authority. The temporary authority to operate an airworthy U.S. aircraft within the United States without registration (i.e., while carrying a copy of the signed application in the aircraft) will no longer expire after 90 days.

6. Action. ASIs should be aware of the regulatory change while doing surveillance activities of flight operations. Any aircraft registration certificate for a validly registered aircraft that shows an expiration date of January 23, 2023, or later is valid for 7 years from the date of issuance. Any signed aircraft registration application carried in an aircraft as temporary authority is valid per § 47.31.

7. Disposition. We will not incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1, Flight Standards Information Management System, before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the Aircraft Registration Branch (AFB-710) at 866-762-9434.



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