

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Policy Letter 34 Minimum Equipment List Revision 5 Requirements

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides inspectors with guidance on Revision 5 to Policy Letter (PL) 34, MMEL and MEL Preamble.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards (FS) Safety Assurance offices' principal inspectors (PI) responsible for approving Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 91 subpart K (part 91K), 121, 125, 129, and 135 minimum equipment lists (MEL). 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 https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.
- 4. Background.** Revision 5 clarifies policy that equipment required by specific operational regulations must be operative unless otherwise approved by the Administrator. This revision also includes International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) definitions of States of the Operator, Design, and Registry.
- 5. Discussion.** PL-34 serves as the preamble for Master Minimum Equipment Lists (MMEL) and MELs; it does not grant relief. Concerns arose that Revision 5 would place undue hardship on operators by triggering an immediate revision to an MEL. However, Revision 5 does not trigger an immediate revision to MELs.
- 6. Action.** Revision 5 does not trigger an immediate revision to MELs. However, revisions must be incorporated during the operator's next revision cycle.

7. Disposition. We will not incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the Air Transportation Division (AFS-200) at 9-AFS-200-Correspondence@faa.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hugh Thomas", is positioned above the typed name.

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