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An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

Subject: Pilot Records Database (PRD) – Status Update

Purpose: This InFO provides an update to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Parts 121, 125, and 135 Certificate Holders and pilots on the progress of PRD rulemaking and database development efforts.

Background: On August 1, 2010, the Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010, Public Law 111-216, 124 Stat. 2348 (2010) (the “Act” or the “PRD Act”), was signed into law. The Act amends the Pilot Records Improvement Act (“PRIA”) by requiring the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to create a PRD that will contain various types of pilot records to be provided by the FAA, air carriers and other persons who employ pilots. The FAA must maintain these records until it receives notice that the pilot is deceased. Air carriers will use this database to perform a background check on a pilot in deciding whether or not to hire the individual as a pilot. Until implementation of the PRD, the PRIA law and Advisory Circular 120-68E remain in effect.

Discussion: Operators may review Public Law 111-216, § 203 at the Government Printing Office (GPO) Web Site: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-111publ216/pdf/PLAW-111publ216.pdf>

In 2011, the FAA chartered the PRD Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) to address issues dealing with the proper implementation of the PRD. The FAA has taken the following actions since the submission of the ARC’s final report:

- Convened an internal Rulemaking Team to address PRD;
- Developed a prototype PRD System;
- Conducted a successful Proof-of-Concept (test) of the prototype system: and
- Developed an internal PRD rulemaking plan.

Projected Future Actions:

NPRM Publication

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Recommended Action: Each part 121, 125, and 135 Director of Operations, Chief Pilot and pilot flightcrew member should review the contents of this InFO and familiarize themselves with the applicable provisions of P.L. 111-216. Air carriers and operators should also continue to retain records as outlined in InFO 11014, dated 8/15/2011.

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