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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: Enhanced Training for Flight Attendants (F/A) - Human Trafficking Recognition and Response

Purpose: This InFO informs Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 121 and 135 operators of the statutory requirement to provide F/As with training regarding recognizing and responding to potential human trafficking victims.

Background: On July 15, 2016, Congress enacted Public Law 114-190, the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016. Section 2113, Enhanced Training for Flight Attendants, amends Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.) Section 44734 to include an additional F/A training requirement to the training already required in section 44734 regarding the service of alcohol. Section 44734 now also includes a requirement that each air carrier provide F/As with initial and annual training regarding recognizing and responding to potential human trafficking victims.

Discussion: Human trafficking is a crime involving the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Additionally, when a person under 18 is induced to perform a commercial sex act, it is human trafficking. To help end this serious crime, the U.S. Department of Transportation partnered with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to create the Blue Lightning Initiative. This program serves to raise awareness about human trafficking as it pertains to the airline industry and provides information on how to identify and report it. The information includes common indicators that airline employees may encounter and instructs employees on how to report suspected trafficking to law enforcement officers both in-flight and on the ground.

To learn more about becoming a Blue Lightning Initiative partner and using the tools made available through the Blue Lightning Initiative in support of the statutory F/A training requirement, go to <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking>.

Recommended Action: Directors of operations and safety, training managers, training program developers and instructors for part 121 and part 135 operators must be aware of the F/A training requirements of 49 U.S.C. section 44734.

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