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Subject: New Accident Reporting Requirement to the National Transportation Safety Board

Purpose: This InFO notifies operators that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has amended Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) part 830 to include 5 new conditions that require immediate notification upon occurrence.

Background: On January 7, 2010 a notice of final rule was posted in the Federal Register (FR Doc. 2010-13) amending 49 CFR part 830, Notification and Reporting of Aircraft Accidents or Incidents and Overdue Aircraft, and Preservation of Aircraft Wreckage, Mail, Cargo, and Records. The effective date of this final rule is March 8, 2010.

This amendment revises the rule in three ways. First, editorial changes were made to the existing rule language for clarity. Second, the references to the phone books were replaced with a web site reference that contains NTSB contact information. Thirdly, 5 new conditions to include propeller blade release, loss of information from cockpit displays, Airborne Collision and Avoidance System (ACAS) resolution advisories issued, damage to helicopter tail or main rotor blades, and *events involving air carrier aircraft that land or depart on a taxiway, incorrect runway, or other area not designed as a runway*, or runway incursions, were added to the immediate notification section of the regulation. Review the amendment for details of the changes.

Recommended Action: Operators should review the amendment to 49 CFR part 830 and revise their accident/incident notification and training programs if applicable.

Contact: Any question regarding this InFO should be directed to the Aircraft Maintenance Division, AFS-300, at (202) 267-1675.

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