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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: Age 65 Law Update

Purpose: This InFO provides updated information regarding the Fair Treatment of Experienced Pilots Act (the Act), effective December 13, 2007. This InFO supersedes InFOs 07021, 07023 and 08001.

Background: In November, 2006, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) revised the maximum age for certain pilots in international operations from age 60 to age 65. Until 12/13/07, the United States, an ICAO member state, had limited its air carrier pilots to age 60 in both international and domestic operations. Now those pilots may continue until age 65, as specified in the Act.

Discussion: In an effort to promote uniform understanding of the Act, and uniform implementation of its provisions, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is consolidating questions and answers as they are received and processed by the FAA, at a single public website: http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/info/all_infos/media/age65_qa.pdf.

The content of this website includes a hyperlink to the Act itself; pertinent legal interpretations issued by the FAA's Office of General Counsel, and frequently asked questions, with answers.

The Act required that any pilot age 60+ must undergo a line check at 6-month intervals. However, on February 14, 2012, Congress enacted the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Section 305 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act removed this line check requirement from the statute. In response, the FAA made conforming changes to The Code of Federal Regulations (14 C.F.R) Part 121, § 121.440 by removing paragraphs (d) through (f), effective June 12, 2012.

Recommended Action: Directors of safety, directors of operations, chief pilots, trainers, and pilots under parts 121 and 135 should be aware of the requirements of the Act. They should refer to the public website (above) for more information relating to the Act.

Contact: Questions or comments regarding this InFO should be directed to the Air Transportation Division, AFS-200 at (202) 267-8166.