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PART 40—SCHEDULED INTERSTATE AIR CARRIER CERTIFICATION AND OPERATION RULES

PART 41—CERTIFICATION AND OPERATION RULES FOR SCHEDULED AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES

PART 42—IRREGULAR AIR CARRIER AND OFF-ROUTE RULES

Special Civil Air Regulation; Precautions To Prevent Hijacking of Air Carrier Aircraft and Interference With Crewmembers in Performance of Duties

The recent hijackings of air carrier aircraft have highlighted a necessity to provide additional controls over the conduct of passengers in order to avoid a serious threat to the safety of flights and persons aboard them. The Federal Aviation Agency has the responsibility to see that air carriers take such steps as are possible to prevent such occurrences. We have requested the air carriers to take every practicable precaution to prevent passengers from having access to the pilot compartment. In addition, we are adopting a regulation which will prohibit any person, except one who is specifically authorized to carry arms, from carrying on or about his person while aboard an air carrier aircraft a concealed deadly or dangerous weapon. The regulation being adopted will also make it a violation of the CARs for any person to assault, threaten, intimidate, or interfere with a crewmember in the performance of his or her duties aboard an air carrier aircraft or to attempt to or cause a flight crewmember to divert the flight from its intended course or destination. Because of the emergency nature of the situation and the present threat to safety of persons being carried in air transportation, I find that compliance with the notice, procedures, and effective date provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. Therefore good cause exists for making this Special Regulation effective immediately.

In consideration of the foregoing, the following Special Civil Air Regulation is hereby adopted and is effective immediately:

1. No person shall assault, threaten, intimidate, or interfere with a crewmember in the performance of his duties aboard an aircraft being operated in air transportation; nor shall any person attempt to or cause the flight crew of such aircraft to divert its flight from its intended course or destination.

2. Except for employees or officials of municipal, State or Federal Governments who are authorized or required to carry arms and except for such other persons as may be authorized by an air carrier, no person, while a passenger aboard an aircraft being operated by an air carrier in air transportation, shall carry on or about his person a concealed deadly or dangerous weapon.

(Secs. 313, 601; 72 Stat. 752, 775, 49 U.S.C. 1354, 1421)

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N. E. HALABY,
Administrator.

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