restrictions on the persons affected by these regulations. Furthermore, any additional delay in making the regulations correct would be contrary to the public interest. Accordingly, the FAA finds that (i) public comment on these standards prior to promulgation is unnecessary, and (ii) good cause exists to make this rule effective in less than 30 days.

Background

On February 21, 2014, the FAA published a final rule entitled, “Helicopter Air Ambulance, Commercial Helicopter, and Part 91 Helicopter Operations” (79 FR 9932). In that final rule the FAA created provisions directed primarily toward helicopter air ambulance operations and all commercial helicopter operations conducted under part 135.

The rule added § 135.168(c) which states, “[t]he equipment required by this section must be maintained in accordance with § 135.419.” Section 135.419 outlines inspection, not maintenance, requirements making the cross reference to § 135.419 incorrect.

Technical Amendment

This technical amendment addresses this incorrect reference to inspection requirements. Maintenance and inspection requirements for part 135 operators are currently described in part 135 Subpart J. Accordingly, the FAA is removing the current text of § 135.168 (c) to avoid potential confusion from redundant regulatory text.

This technical amendment also removes the reference to § 135.168(c) from § 135.168(b). Finally, the FAA removes the effective date for § 135.168(b) because that date has passed, and the paragraph currently is effective.

Executive Order Determinations

Executive Order 13771, Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs

This technical amendment is not an E.O. 13771 regulatory action because this technical amendment is not significant under E.O. 12866.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 135

Air taxis, Aircraft, Aviation safety.

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends chapter I of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 135—OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: COMMUTER AND ON-DEMAND OPERATIONS AND RULES GOVERNING PERSONS ON BOARD SUCH AIRCRAFT


1. The authority citation for part 135 continues to read as follows:


2. Amend § 135.168 by revising paragraph (b) introductory text and removing and reserving paragraph (c).

The revision reads as follows:


(b) Required equipment. Except when authorized by the certificate holder’s operations specifications, or when necessary only for takeoff or landing, no person may operate a rotorcraft beyond autorotational distance from the shoreline unless it carries:

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Issued under authority of 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 44701(a), and 44730 in Washington, DC.

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Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 113

Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail (Publication 52): Incorporation by Reference

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.


DATES: This final rule is effective on January 10, 2018. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of January 10, 2018.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The most recent issue of Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail (Publication 52) is dated August 2017. This issue of Publication 52 contains Postal Service mailing standards relating to the shipment of hazardous, restricted, and perishable materials. Publication 52 provides a complete and comprehensive source for users to find information necessary to properly prepare mailings of hazardous, restricted, and perishable materials, and limits the need for users to consult other information sources when preparing such mailings.

Publication 52 is available, in a read-only format, to the mailing industry and general public via the Postal Explorer® website at http://pe.usps.com. The Postal Explorer application can be accessed directly at any time. In addition, links to Postal Explorer are provided on:

• The landing page of USPS.com, the Postal Service’s primary customer-facing website; and

• The USPS application Postal Pro, an online informational source available to both mailing industry members and Postal customers, intended to eventually replace RIBBS.

New editions of Publication 52 will be published at regular intervals, generally no less frequently than once each calendar year. Changes to mailing standards applicable to hazardous, restricted, and perishable materials will be made as necessary, and incorporated into each successive edition of Publication 52. The incorporation by reference of each edition of Publication 52 will be announced through publication in the Federal Register.


Prior to July, 2014, the Postal Service maintained standards for the mailing of hazardous, restricted, and perishable mail in both the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) and Publication 52. On July 28, 2014, as part of a continuing initiative to reduce the size of the DMM, the Postal Service removed from that publication the detailed mailing standards relating to hazardous, restricted, and perishable materials. In place of these detailed provisions, revised DMM 601.8.0 advised that mailing standards specific to hazardous, restricted, and perishable mail would be incorporated into Publication 52, and could be found on the Postal Explorer website at pe.usps.com.

Based on its experience applying the mailing standards for hazardous, restricted and perishable mail since July 28, 2014, the Postal Service believes that these mailing standards were more visible to the mailing community when they were included in the DMM, which
is incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations, and thus more effective in supporting USPS efforts related to compliance and enforcement. The Postal Service expects that incorporation by reference of Publication 52 in the Code of Federal Regulations, will increase the visibility of the mailing standards contained in Publication 52 and thereby maximize their effectiveness and usefulness.

Since their removal from the DMM, the mailing standards provided in Publication 52 have undergone few changes of significance; indeed, several of those changes have expanded the options available to HAZMAT mailers. With regard to changes having a wider impact on mailers, such as those required to conform Publication 52 to the revised standards for the shipment of lithium batteries established by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Postal Service has been careful to provide advance notice to interested parties, with an opportunity to comment, and to shape the final standards in response to the comments received. For example, on February 22, 2017, and July 26, 2017, the Postal Service, with the support of this action.

The Postal Service further believes that incorporation by reference of Publication 52 has been required to conform Publication 52 to the revised standards for the shipment of lithium batteries established by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Postal Service has been careful to provide advance notice to interested parties, with an opportunity to comment, and to shape the final standards in response to the comments received. See, e.g., Sec. 113.2 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. All approved material is available for inspection by appointment only, during normal hours of operation, at the U.S. Postal Service Library, 475 L’Enfant Plaza West SW, Washington, DC 20260–1641 (call 202–268–2906), and is available from the sources listed below. It is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030 or go to www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html.


(1) Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted and Perishable Mail, dated August 2017, IBR approved for § 113.1.

(2) [Reserved]

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