Good cause exists under section 553(d)(3) of the APA for this technical correction to become effective on the date of this action. Section 553(d)(3) allows an effective date less than 30 days after publication “as otherwise provided by the agency for good cause found and published with the rule.” 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). The purpose of the 30-day waiting period the APA prescribes is to give affected parties a reasonable time to adjust their actions and prepare for the effectiveness of the final rule.

Today’s amendment, however, does not create any new regulatory requirements such that affected parties would need time to prepare before the rule takes effect. This document only removes an unnecessary redundancy in 14 CFR 121.441(f)(2)(iii) because the text of paragraph (f)(2)(iii) is largely duplicative of the text of paragraph (f)(2)(iii)(B). For these reasons, the FAA finds good cause under APA section 553(d)(3) exists for this amendment to become effective on March 22, 2018.

II. Background

On December 16, 2016, the FAA published the Qualification, Service, and Use of Crewmembers and Aircraft Dispatchers; Related Aircraft Amendment. 81 FR 90979. Corrected at 81 FR 95860, December 29, 2016. This final rule allows air carriers to seek a deviation from the FSTD requirements for related aircraft proficiency checks. As the FAA noted in the final rule, the FAA’s Qualification, Service, and Use of Crewmembers and Aircraft Dispatchers final rule issued in 2013 included opportunities for air carriers to modify training program requirements for flightcrew members when the carrier operates multiple aircraft types with similar design and flight handling characteristics.

The final rule provided for the possibility of a deviation to allow credit for flightcrew member qualification requirements, including proficiency checks, when the carrier operates multiple aircraft types with similar design and flight handling characteristics. Paragraph (f) permits the Administrator to approve such a deviation based on a designation of related aircraft after the Administrator determines the certificate holder can demonstrate an equivalent level of safety. Specifically, paragraph (f) allows for deviation from the frequency of proficiency checks and from certain procedures and maneuvers required in appendix F to part 121 (Proficiency Check Requirements). Paragraph (f) did not, however, provide for the possibility of a deviation from the FSTD requirements specified in appendix F to
part 121. Therefore, prior to the December 16, 2016 final rule, § 121.441(f) did not allow a deviation even in cases in which the Flight Standardization Board (FSB) determines that the use of a lower level FSTD for a specific maneuver or procedure may be acceptable on a related aircraft proficiency check. This oversight resulted in inconsistency, as such a determination by the FSB would be based on similarities in design and flight characteristics between the base aircraft and the related aircraft. As a result, the FAA recognized a need to permit deviation from the FSTD requirements in appendix F to part 121. The December 16, 2016 final rule amended § 121.441 by amending paragraph (f), accordingly.

This technical amendment removes paragraph (f)(2)(iii) from § 121.441 because the FAA’s recent changes to § 121.441 render the paragraph unnecessary. Paragraph (f)(2)(ii)(B) of § 121.441 requires the inclusion of maneuvers and procedures, as well as the level of FSTD to be used for each maneuver and procedure, in applications for deviation from the proficiency check requirements of § 121.441. Paragraph (f)(2)(iii) also states carriers must include maneuvers and procedures in related aircraft proficiency checks. As a result, although paragraph (f)(2)(ii)(B) does not require a listing of the level of FSTD the carrier plans to use for each maneuver and procedure, the two paragraphs are unnecessarily redundant. Overall, the amended regulatory text will continue to ensure carriers that request a deviation based on a designation of related aircraft must include, for purposes of qualification proficiency checks, the necessary maneuvers and procedures as well as the level of FSTD to be used for each maneuver and procedure.

III. Technical Amendment

Consistent with the foregoing, the FAA removes paragraph (f)(2)(iii) to eliminate the redundancy in paragraphs (f)(2)(ii)(B) and (f)(2)(ii)(B).

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 121

Air carriers, Aircraft, Airmen, Aviation safety.

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 121 as follows:

PART 121—OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATIONS

§ 121.441 [Amended]

1. The authority citation for part 121 continues to read as follows:


§ 121.441 [Amended]

1. Amend § 121.441 by removing paragraph (f)(2)(iii).

2. Amend § 121.441 by removing paragraph (f)(2)(ii)(B).

Bureau of Industry and Security

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

15 CFR Part 744

[DOcket No. 180227219–8219–01]

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SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by adding twenty-three persons to the Entity List. These twenty-three persons have been determined by the U.S. Government to be acting contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States and will be listed on the Entity List under the designations of Pakistan, Singapore and South Sudan. This rule also removes one person under the destination of Ecuador and one person under the destination of the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) from the Entity List. Both removals are the result of requests for removal received by BIS pursuant to the section of the EAR used for requesting removal or modification of an Entity List entry and a review of information provided in the removal requests. Lastly, this rule corrects the license requirement for twelve entities that were added under the destination of Russia as part of a recent BIS rule.

DATES: This rule is effective March 22, 2018.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Entity List (15 CFR, Subchapter C, part 744, Supplement No. 4) identifies entities reasonably believed to be involved, or to pose a significant risk of being or becoming involved, in activities contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States. The Export Administration Regulations (EAR) (15 CFR, Subchapter C, parts 730–774) imposes additional license requirements on, and limits the availability of most license exceptions for, exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) to those listed. The license review policy for each listed entity is identified in the License Review Policy column on the Entity List, and the impact on the availability of license exceptions is described in the relevant Federal Register notice adding entities to the Entity List. BIS places entities on the Entity List pursuant to part 744 (Control Policy: End-User and End-Use Based) and part 746 (Embargoes and Other Special Controls) of the EAR.

The End-User Review Committee (ERC), composed of representatives of the Departments of Commerce (Chair), State, Defense, Energy and, where appropriate, the Treasury, makes all decisions regarding additions to, removals from, or other modifications to the Entity List. The ERC makes all decisions to add an entry to the Entity List by majority vote, and makes all decisions to remove or modify an entry by unanimous vote.

ERC Entity List Decisions

Additions to the Entity List

This rule implements the decision of the ERC to add twenty-three persons to the Entity List. These twenty-three persons are being added on the basis of § 744.11 (License requirements that apply to entities acting contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States) of the EAR. The twenty-three entries added to the Entity List consist of seven entities located in Pakistan, one entity in Singapore and fifteen entities in South Sudan.

The ERC reviewed § 744.11(b) (Criteria for revising the Entity List) in