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Re: Docket No. 12504

1. The following are changes in regards to Security Considerations for the Flightdeck on Foreign Operated Transport Category Airplanes:

A: § 121.313(f) transport category airplanes operating in commercial service to have reinforced doors installed by January 1, 2003 restricting access to the flightdeck in flight.

B: Amendment 121-288 to clearly improve flightdeck security by consistency/ equality in flightdeck door security requirements between parts 121 and 129 operations. Consequently, foreign air carriers, conducting service to and from the United States would have flight deck security measures equal to the U.S. carriers making the international operations less attractive to the terrorists.

C: § 129.28(c) requires design precautions to be taken to prevent the penetration of shrapnel from a fragmentation device and small arms projectiles (i.e., ballistics) which might be fired through the flightdeck doors from occupied compartments. The flightdeck door locks to be impenetrable by unauthorized keys or other device.

2. I would like to greatly express my appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the rule making process and would be pleased to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

