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Re: FAR No. 61.3

1. The following is a recommended change to NPRM 61.3

61.3 (a) – Include photo identification on a pilot certificate. With this measure additional items of identification are not necessary and it creates a more durable, hard to duplicate certificate.

As we all know, passports are the safest forms of identification, however, passports can be forged. Not all pilots in the United States are U.S. Citizens; therefore, chances are they do not have a United States issued passport. The other immigration document they may hold is a resident alien card. People who hold the resident alien card are reluctant to carry them at all times for fear of it being lost or stolen. Another way of positive identification is a driver's license; However, a pilot under 16 years of age would not have this form of identification. Furthermore, in the event of a driver's license being suspended or revoked a person ends up without a picture I.D.

and just the FAA issued pilot certificate containing only a physical description. The current pilot certificate is a very fragile paper cardboard document.

Due to the aforementioned facts, I propose that pilot certificates be issued in a plastic format with a picture of the holder pasted on it. This will ensure positive identification of the pilot and the pilot certificate will last longer. Some pilot certificates issued many years ago are barely readable and current pilot certificates are very easy to counterfeit.

2. I greatly appreciate the opportunity on making an input on such an important matter.

Sincerely, Pablo M. Gomez