

The goal of this exercise is to "identify regulations that impose undue regulatory burden; are no longer necessary".. etc. When I fly, the two items that I question whether they are truly necessary are the flotation/ditching requirements and the need for oxygen in the passenger cabin.

The cost to the airlines for all the flotation equipment (purchase, maintain, spares, repair, tracking) has got to be considerable, as well as all the weight to haul this stuff around during every flight. Then on top of that all the training the cabin crew has to go through, and the cost to the US aviation industry has got to be substantial. I seriously doubt this is being offset by any benefits being seen in lives saved or injuries prevented by this equipment and training. Isn't ditching occurrences extremely rare? This comment relates to FARs 25.801 and FAR 25.1415 (and maybe others).

As for oxygen in the passenger cabin, is it really necessary. I can see for the flight crew because they have to stay conscious, but the passengers don't have to. And do these systems ever even get used? And when they do get used, what would have been the consequence if oxygen was not available to the passengers? Again, its additional equipment the airlines have to pack around and maintain for no measurable gain in safety.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.