

submitting the alternative measures to the Administrator for approval. The aircraft operator shall submit the proposed alternative measures within the time prescribed in the Security Directive. The aircraft operator shall implement any alternative measures approved by the Administrator.

(e) Each aircraft operator that receives a Security Directive may comment on the Security Directive by submitting data, views, or arguments in writing to the Administrator. The Administrator may amend the Security Directive based on comments received. Submission of a comment does not delay the effective date of the Security Directive.

(f) Each aircraft operator that receives a Security Directive or Information Circular and each person who receives information from a Security Directive or Information Circular shall:

(1) Restrict the availability of the Security Directive or Information Circular, and information contained in either document, to those persons with an operational need-to-know.

(2) Refuse to release the Security Directive or Information Circular, and information contained in either document, to persons other than those with an operational need-to-know without the prior written consent of the Administrator.

PART 109—INDIRECT AIR CARRIER SECURITY

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§ 109.1 Applicability.

(a) This part prescribes aviation security rules governing each air carrier, including each air freight forwarder and each cooperative shippers' association, engaged indirectly in air transportation of property;

(b) For the purposes of this part, *property* means any package cargo.

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§ 109.3 Security program.

(a) Each indirect air carrier shall adopt and carry out a security program that—

(1) Is designed to prevent or deter the unauthorized introduction of any explosive or incendiary device into any package cargo intended for carriage by air;

(2) Is in writing and signed by the carrier or any person delegated authority in this matter;

(3) Includes a system of security safeguards acceptable to the Administrator; and

(4) Has been approved by the Administrator.

(b) Each indirect air carrier shall maintain at least one complete copy of its security program at its principal business office, and a complete copy or the pertinent portions of its security program or appropriate implementing instructions at each office where package cargo is accepted, and shall make those documents available for inspection upon request of any Civil Aviation Security Special Agent.

(c) Each indirect air carrier shall—

(1) Restrict the distribution, disclosure, and availability of sensitive security information, as defined in part 191 of this chapter, to persons with a need-to-know; and

(2) Refer requests for sensitive security information by other persons to the Assistant Administrator for Civil Aviation Security.

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§ 109.5 Approval of security programs and amendments.

(a) Each indirect air carrier shall submit its security program to the Administrator for approval. Each carrier engaged in the air transportation of property before December 13, 1979, shall submit its program no later than January 14, 1980. Each carrier not engaged in air transportation or intrastate air transportation of property before December 13, 1979, shall submit its program at least 30 days before the date it intends to engage in that transportation.

(b) Within 30 days after receipt of the program, the Administrator either approves the program or notifies the carrier as to modifications necessary for the program to comply with this part.

(c) Any person notified pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section may petition the Administrator to reconsider the notice to modify within 30 days after receipt of the notice and, except in the case of any emergency requiring immediate action in the interest of safety, the filing of the petition stays the notice pending a decision by the Administrator.

(d) The Administrator may order amendment of an approved security program, if it is determined that safety and the public interest require the amendment, as follows:

(1) The Administrator notifies the carrier, in writing, of the proposed amendment, fixing a period of not less than 30 days within which it may submit written information, views, and arguments on the amendment.

(2) After considering all relevant material, the Administrator notifies the carrier of any amendment adopted, or rescinds the notice of the proposed amendment. The amendment becomes effective not less than 30 days after such person receives the notice, unless it petitions the Administrator to re-

consider the amendment, in which case the effective date is stayed by the Administrator.

(3) If the Administrator finds that there is an emergency requiring immediate action with respect to safety in air transportation or in air commerce that makes the procedure in this paragraph impracticable or contrary to the public interest he may issue an amendment, effective on the date the carrier receives notice of it, and not subject to stay. In such a case, the Administrator incorporates the findings and a brief statement of the reasons for it, in the notice of the amendment to be adopted.

(e) A carrier may submit a request to the Administrator to amend its program. The application must be filed with the Administrator at least 30 days before the date it proposes for the amendment to become effective, unless a shorter period is allowed by the Administrator. Within 15 days after receipt of a proposed amendment, the Administrator either approves or denies the request. Within 30 days after receiving from the Administrator a notice of refusal to approve the application for amendment, the applicant may petition the Administrator to reconsider the refusal to amend.

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