

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 431**

[Docket No. FAA-1999-5535; Amdt. No. 431-5]

RIN 2120-AG71

**Commercial Space Transportation Reusable Launch Vehicle and Reentry Licensing Regulations; Technical Amendment****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Final rule; technical amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is publishing this action to correct minor, editorial errors in chapter III, part 431. The errors occurred in the Commercial Space Transportation Reusable Launch Vehicle and Reentry Licensing Regulations final rule, published in the **Federal Register** on September 19, 2000. That final rule amended commercial space transportation regulations for the launch and reentry of reusable launch vehicles (RLVs) to establish operational requirements for launches of RLVs and to implement the FAA's reentry licensing authority by prescribing requirements for obtaining a license to launch and reenter an RLV, to reenter a reentry vehicle, and to operate a reentry site. In that final rule, the FAA inadvertently made minor errors, which this technical amendment corrects.

**DATES:** Effective August 30, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions concerning this action contact Stewart Jackson, Regulations and Analysis Division, AST-300, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7903; email [stewart.jackson@faa.gov](mailto:stewart.jackson@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Good Cause for Immediate Adoption Without Prior Notice**

Section 553(b)(3)(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*) authorizes agencies to dispense with notice and comment procedures for rules when the agency for "good cause" finds that those procedures are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." Under this section, an agency, upon finding good cause, may issue a final rule without seeking comment prior to the rulemaking.

Section 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act requires

that agencies publish a rule not less than 30 days before its effective date, except as otherwise provided by the agency for good cause found and published with the rule.

This document corrects errors in 14 CFR 431.79. These corrections will not impose any additional restrictions on the persons affected by these regulations. Furthermore, any additional delay in making the regulations correct would be contrary to the public interest. Accordingly, the FAA finds that (i) public comment on these standards prior to promulgation is unnecessary, and (ii) good cause exists to make this rule effective in less than 30 days.

**Background**

On September 19, 2000, the FAA published the "Commercial Space Transportation Reusable Launch Vehicle and Reentry Licensing Regulations; Final Rule" (65 FR 56618). The final rule amended commercial space transportation regulations governing the launch and reentry of reusable launch vehicles (RLVs) to establish operational requirements for launches of RLVs and to implement the FAA's reentry licensing authority by prescribing requirements for obtaining a license to launch and reenter an RLV, to reenter a reentry vehicle, and to operate a reentry site. Licensing rules are necessary to respond to advancements in the development of commercial RLV and reentry capability. The action was necessary to fulfill the FAA's safety mandate by limiting risk to the public from RLV and reentry operations.

The final rule contains a more complete discussion of the rule and the events leading up to it.

**Technical Amendment**

The technical amendment makes the following correction:

(1) In § 431.79(a)(3), the duplicate text "federal" is removed and the phrase "for at" is changed to "from".

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 431**

Aviation safety, Environmental protection, Investigations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Space transportation and exploration.

**The Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends chapter III of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

**PART 431—LAUNCH AND REENTRY OF A REUSABLE LAUNCH VEHICLE (RLV)**

■ 1. The authority citation of part 431 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 51 U.S.C. 50901-50923.

**§ 431.79 [Amended]**

■ 2. Amend § 431.79(a)(3) by removing the duplicate text "federal" and by removing the phrase "for at" and adding in its place "from".

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 23, 2016.

**Dale Bouffiu,***Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

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**MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION****22 CFR Part 1306**

[MCC FR 16-03]

**Collection of Debts****AGENCY:** Millennium Challenge Corporation.**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of these regulations is to implement statutes which authorize the collection of debts owed to the Federal government, by persons, organizations, or entities including by salary offset, administrative offset, or tax refund offset. Generally, however, a debt may not be collected by such means if it has been outstanding for more than ten years after the agency's right to collect the debt first accrued. These regulations are consistent with the Office of Personnel Management regulations on salary offset, and with regulations on administrative offset. Persons with access to the internet may also view this document by going to the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/index.cfm>.

**DATES:** This rule is effective September 24, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

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Mail paper submissions to the Office of the General Counsel, Millennium Challenge Corporation, 1099 Fourteenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA), 31 U.S.C. 3720B to 3720E, Public Law 104-134, enacted April 26, 1996) and the Federal Claims Collection Standards, 31 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*, require the government to collect money it is owed.