

The revisions and additions read as follows:

§ 1223.23 Annual reports—format and content.

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(b) *Contents.* The annual report shall contain the information provided in the regulated entity's annual summary pursuant to § 1223.22(d) and shall include:

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(9) Data showing for the reporting year by minority, gender, and disability classification—

(i) The number of individuals responsible for supervising employees and/or managing the functions or departments of the regulated entity; and

(ii) A description of the strategies, initiatives, and activities executed during the preceding year to promote diverse individuals to supervisory and management roles;

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(12) A provision addressing the strategies, initiatives, and activities that the regulated entity has undertaken during the prior year to:

(i) Communicate with minority serving organizations to help identify ways in which it might be able to improve MWDOB business with the regulated entity by enhancing MWDOB customer access, including in affordable housing and community investment programs;

(ii) Evaluate the regulated entity's processes for identifying, considering, and selecting MWDOBs to participate in financial transactions, which evaluation shall include an assessment of the regulated entity's internal policies and practices that may have presented unique challenges to MWDOBs' participation in financial transactions of the regulated entity.

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(14) Cumulative data separately showing the total number of contracts in place at the beginning of the reporting year as well as those entered into during the reporting year;

(15) Cumulative data separately showing the total amount paid for contracts in place at the beginning of the reporting year as well as those entered into during the reporting year;

(16) Cumulative data separately showing the total number of contracts entered into during the reporting year that were—

(i) Considered exempt under § 1223.3(b);

(ii) Prime contracts (tier 1) entered into with minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, or MWDOBs;

(iii) Subcontractor (tier 2) contracts that prime contractors (tier 1) entered into with minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, or MWDOBs;

(17) Cumulative data separately showing the total amount paid for contracts entered into during the reporting year that were—

(i) Considered exempt under § 1223.3(b);

(ii) To prime contractors (tier 1) that are minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, or MWDOBs in place at the beginning of the reporting year as well as those entered into during the reporting year;

(iii) To subcontractors (tier 2) that are minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, or MWDOBs in place at the beginning of the reporting year;

(18) Cumulative data separately showing the total diversity spend with non-diverse-owned businesses during the reporting year;

(19) The annual total of amounts paid to prime contractors (tier 1) and subcontractors (tier 2) and the percentage of which was paid separately through prime contracts and subcontracts to minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, or MWDOBs during the reporting year;

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(23) A comparison of the data reported under paragraphs (b)(13) through (19) of this section with the same information reported for the previous year;

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§ 1223.24 [Amended]

■ 10. Amend § 1223.24 by removing the phrase “or the Office of Finance’s”.

■ 11. Add § 1223.25 to subpart C to read as follows:

§ 1223.25 Office of Finance.

All sections of this part and the standards issued under it shall apply to the Office of Finance, as defined in § 1201.1 of this chapter, in the same manner in which it applies to the regulated entities, unless the Office of Finance is otherwise specifically addressed or excluded.

Dated: July 12, 2017.

Melvin L. Watt,

Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 1, 63, 121, 125, 135, 147, and 170

[Docket No. FAA-2017-0733; Amdt. Nos. 1-71, 63-39, 121-379, 125-67, 135-137, 147-8, 170-4]

RIN 2120-AL10

Removal of References to Obsolete Navigation Systems; Technical Amendment

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; technical amendment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is removing references to the obsolete navigation systems Loran, Omega and Consol that currently appear in FAA regulations.

DATES: Effective July 25, 2017.

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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. Further, section 553(d)(3) of the APA 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 technical amendment removes obsolete references in title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 1, 63, 121, 125, 135, 147, and 170. Loran, Consol, and Omega ground stations have ceased operations, which makes these avionics receivers obsolete and useless. Continued mention of these obsolete navigation aids in title 14 of the CFR serves no purpose, and could only confuse the public. Any additional delay in correcting the regulations would be unnecessary because the

changes affect terms referencing navigation aids that ceased operations over 6 years ago and as such, are not in use. Further, these corrections will not impose any additional restrictions on the persons affected by these regulations because the amendments merely align the CFR with the current state of affairs regarding operational navigation aids.

Based on the foregoing, public comment and a 30-day effective date would be unnecessary and thus, the FAA finds good cause to forgo public comment and to make the amendment effective in less than 30 days.

Technical Amendment

Loran, Consol, and Omega ground stations ceased operations over six years ago and are no longer in use. See 75 FR 22674 (April 29, 2010); 75 FR 42819 (July 22, 2010); 73 FR 26465 (May 9, 2008); 73 FR 46345 (August 8, 2008) and Amendment 71 to ICAO Annex 10, Volume 1, Aeronautical Telecommunications (adopted 12 March 1996). Therefore, with this technical amendment, the FAA is removing all references to these obsolete navigation systems from title 14 of the CFR.

List of Subjects

14 CFR Part 1

Air transportation.

14 CFR Part 63

Aircraft, Airman, Aviation Safety, Navigation (air).

14 CFR Part 121

Air carriers, Aircraft, Airmen, Aviation safety, Safety.

14 CFR Part 125

Aircraft, Airmen, Aviation safety.

14 CFR Part 135

Air taxis, Aircraft, Airmen, Aviation safety.

14 CFR Part 147

Aircraft, Airmen, Schools.

14 CFR Part 170

Air traffic control, Airports.

The Amendment

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

PART 1—DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40113, 44701.

2. Amend § 1.1 by revising the definition of “Long-range navigation system (LRNS)” to read as follows:

§ 1.1 General definitions.

Long-range navigation system (LRNS). An electronic navigation unit that is approved for use under instrument flight rules as a primary means of navigation, and has at least one source of navigational input, such as inertial navigation system or global positioning system.

§ 1.2 [Amended]

3. Amend § 1.2 by removing the entry “CONSOL or CONSOLAN”.

PART 63—CERTIFICATION: FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS OTHER THAN PILOTS

4. The authority citation for part 63 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701–44703, 44707, 44709–44711, 45102–45103, 45301–45302.

5. Amend appendix A to part 63 as follows:

a. Remove and reserve paragraphs (e)(26), (27), and (28); and

b. Revise paragraphs (e)(37) and (44). The revisions read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 63—Test Requirements for Flight Navigator Certificate

(e) (37) Take celestial fixes at hourly intervals when conditions permit. The accuracy of these fixes shall be checked by means of a radio or visual fix whenever practicable. After allowing for the probable error of a radio or visual fix, a celestial fix under favorable conditions should plot within 10 miles of the actual position.

(44) Work with sufficient speed to determine the aircraft’s position hourly by celestial means and also make all other observations and records pertinent to the navigation. The applicant should be able to take the observation, compute, and plot a celestial LOP within a time limit of 8 minutes; observe the absolute and pressure altimeters and compute the drift or lateral

displacement within a time limit of 3 minutes.

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6. In appendix B to part 63, the table in paragraph (a)(2)(iii) is amended by revising the entry for “Radio and long-range navigational aids” to read as follows:

Appendix B to Part 63—Flight Navigator Training Course Requirements

(a) * * *
(2) * * *
(iii) * * *

Table with 2 columns: Subject, Classroom hours. Row 1: Radio and long-range navigational aids 35. Subsequent rows list training topics like Principles of radio transmission and reception, etc.

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PART 121—OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATIONS

7. The authority citation for part 121 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40119, 41706, 42301 preceding note added by Pub. L. 112–95, sec. 412, 126 Stat. 89, 44101, 44701–44702, 44705, 44709–44711, 44713, 44716–44717, 44722, 44729, 44732; 46105; Pub. L. 111–216, 124 Stat. 2348 (49 U.S.C. 44701 note); Pub. L. 112–95, 126 Stat 62 (49 U.S.C. 44732 note).

Appendix G to Part 121 [Amended]

8. Amend appendix G to part 121 by removing the words “Loran, Consol,” from paragraph 4.(c).

Appendix M to Part 121 [Amended]

9. Amend the table in appendix M to part 121 by revising entry 60 to read as follows:

Appendix M to Part 121—Airplane Flight Recorder Specifications

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Parameters	Range	Accuracy (sensor input)	Seconds per sampling interval	Resolution	Remarks
* * * * *					
60. Primary Navigation System Reference.	Discrete GPS, INS, VOR/DME, MLS, Localizer Glideslope.	4	A suitable combination of discrettes to determine the Primary Navigation System reference.
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PART 125—CERTIFICATION AND OPERATIONS: AIRPLANES HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF 20 OR MORE PASSENGERS OR A MAXIMUM PAYLOAD CAPACITY OF 6,000 POUNDS OR MORE; AND RULES GOVERNING PERSONS ON BOARD SUCH AIRCRAFT

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40113, 44701–44702, 44705, 44710–44711, 44713, 44716–44717, 44722.

Appendix E to Part 125 [Amended]

■ 11. Amend the table in appendix E to part 125 by revising entry 60 to read as follows:

Appendix E to Part 125—Airplane Flight Recorder Specifications

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■ 10. The authority citation for part 125 continues to read as follows:

Parameters	Range	Accuracy (sensor input)	Seconds per sampling interval	Resolution	Remarks
* * * * *					
60. Primary Navigation System Reference.	Discrete GPS, INS, VOR/DME, MLS, Localizer Glideslope.	4	A suitable combination of discrettes to determine the Primary Navigation System reference.
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PART 135—OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: COMMUTER AND ON DEMAND OPERATIONS AND RULES GOVERNING PERSONS ON BOARD SUCH AIRCRAFT

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 41706, 40113, 44701–44702, 44705, 44709, 44711–44713, 44715–44717, 44722, 44730, 45101–45105; Pub. L. 112–95, 126 Stat. 58 (49 U.S.C. 44730).

Appendix F to Part 135—Airplane Flight Recorder Specifications

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■ 13. Amend the table in appendix F to part 135 by revising entry 60 to read as follows:

■ 12. The authority citation for part 135 continues to read as follows:

Parameters	Range	Accuracy (sensor input)	Seconds per sampling interval	Resolution	Remarks
* * * * *					
60. Primary Navigation System Reference.	Discrete GPS, INS, VOR/DME, MLS, Localizer Glideslope.	4	A suitable combination of discrettes to determine the Primary Navigation System reference.
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PART 147—AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN SCHOOLS

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701–44702, 44707–44709.

Appendix C to Part 147—Airframe Curriculum Subjects

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■ 15. Amend the second table in appendix C to part 147 by revising entry 39 to read as follows:

■ 14. The authority citation for part 147 continues to read as follows:

Teaching level

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(1)	39. Inspect, check, and service aircraft electronic communication and navigation systems, including VHF passenger address interphones and static discharge devices, aircraft VOR, ILS, Radar beacon transponders, flight management computers, and GPWS.					
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PART 170—ESTABLISHMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE CRITERIA FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES AND NAVIGATIONAL FACILITIES

■ 16. The authority citation for part 170 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103–40107, 40113, 44502, 44701–44702, 44708–44709, 44719, 44721–44722, 46308.

§ 170.3 [Amended]

■ 17. Amend § 170.3 by removing the definition of “LORAN–C”.

Subpart C [Removed and Reserved]

■ 18. Remove and Reserve subpart C.

Issued under the authority provided by 49 U.S.C. 106(f) and 44701(a) in Washington, DC on July 18, 2017.

Lirio Liu,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

20 CFR Parts 404 and 416

[Docket No. SSA–2017–0021]

RIN 0960–A106

Extension of Sunset Date for Attorney Advisor Program

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are extending for six months our rule authorizing attorney advisors to conduct certain prehearing proceedings and to issue fully favorable decisions. The current rule is scheduled to expire on August 4, 2017. In this final rule, we are extending the sunset date to February 5, 2018. We are making no other substantive changes.

DATES: This final rule is effective July 25, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick McGuire, Social Security Administration, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3260, 703–605–7100 for information about this final rule. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national

toll-free number, 800–772–1213 or TTY 800–325–0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background of the Attorney Advisor Program

On August 9, 2007, we issued an interim final rule permitting some attorney advisors to conduct certain prehearing proceedings and issue fully favorable decisions when the documentary record warrants doing so. 72 FR 44763. We instituted this practice to provide more timely service to the increasing number of applicants for Social Security disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income payments based on disability. We considered the public comments we received on the interim final rule, and on March 3, 2008, we issued a final rule without change. 73 FR 11349. Under this rule, some attorney advisors may develop claims and, in appropriate cases, issue fully favorable decisions before a hearing.

We originally intended the attorney advisor program to be a temporary modification to our procedures. Therefore, we included in §§ 404.942(g) and 416.1442(g) of the interim final rule a provision that the program would end on August 10, 2009, unless we decided to either terminate the rule earlier or extend it beyond that date by publication of a final rule in the **Federal Register**. Since that time, we have periodically extended the sunset date (see 74 FR 33327 extending to August 10, 2011; 76 FR 18383 extending to August 9, 2013; and 78 FR 45459 extending to August 7, 2015). As we noted above, the current sunset date for the program is August 4, 2017. 80 FR 31990.

Explanation of Extension

We published the final rule to adopt without change the interim final rule that we published on August 9, 2007. We stated our intent to monitor the program closely and to modify it if it did not meet our expectations. 73 FR 11349.

We explained in the 2008 final rule that the number of requests for hearings

had increased significantly in recent years. From 2008 to the present, the number of pending hearing requests has continued to remain at a high level, and we anticipate that we will continue to receive several hundred thousand hearing requests in each of the next two fiscal years.¹ The attorney advisor program has assisted our efforts to address the high number of pending hearing requests, so we are extending the program at this time.

To preserve the maximum degree of flexibility we need to manage our hearings-level workloads effectively, we have decided to extend the attorney advisor rule for six months until February 5, 2018. As before, we reserve the authority to end the program earlier, to extend it by publishing a final rule in the **Federal Register**, or to discontinue it altogether.

Regulatory Procedures

Justification for Issuing Final Rule Without Notice and Comment

We follow the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) rulemaking procedures specified in 5 U.S.C. 553 when developing regulations. Section 702(a)(5) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 902(a)(5). The APA provides exceptions to its notice and public comment procedures when an agency finds there is good cause for dispensing with such procedures because they are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. We have determined that good cause exists for dispensing with the notice and public comment procedures for this rule. 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). Good cause exists because this final rule only extends the sunset date of an existing rule. It makes no substantive changes to the rule. The current regulations expressly provide that we may extend or terminate this rule. Therefore, we have determined that opportunity for prior comment is unnecessary, and we are issuing this rule as a final rule.

¹ Our budget estimates for fiscal year 2018 (available at: <https://www.ssa.gov/budget/FY18Files/2018BST.pdf>) indicate that we expect to receive approximately 632,000 hearing requests in fiscal year 2017, and 645,000 in fiscal year 2018.