



Federal Aviation Administration

M MEL Policy Letter 96, Revision 2

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To: All Region Flight Standards Division Managers
All Aircraft Evaluation Group Managers
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M MEL GLOBAL CHANGE PL-96 is designated as GC-161

Global Change: Newly developed or changed M MEL relief, which is applicable a significant number of M MELS. This GC is an approved addendum to all existing M MEL documents. The operator may seek use of the specific relief contained in the policy letter by revising the Minimum Equipment List (MEL). In doing so, the sample proviso stating the relief in the policy letter must be copied verbatim in the operator's MEL. Approval of the revised MEL is gained utilizing established procedure, through the assigned Principal Operations Inspector (POI).

SUBJECT: GALLEY/CABIN WASTE RECEPTACLES ACCESS DOORS/COVERS

M MEL CODE: 25 (Equipment & Furnishings)
REFERENCE: PL-96, Revision 1, dated 06/08/2001
PL-96, Original, dated 12/01/97

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy letter is to provide Master Minimum Equipment List (M MEL) relief for Galley / Cabin Waste Receptacles Access Doors/Covers as this issue is generic to several fleet types and configurations.

DISCUSSION:

Revision 2 adds a reference to Cabin Waste Receptacles Access Doors/Covers to ensure the same procedures and guidance currently satisfying the intent of the regulations for Galley Waste Receptacles Access Doors/Covers is available for Waste Receptacle Access Doors/Covers located outside the Galley Area (excluding the Lavatory Waste Receptacle Access Doors/Covers).

Revision 1 adds an (O) procedure to ensure that sufficient receptacles are available to accommodate all waste that may be generated. Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) section 121.215(e) states that each receptacle for used towels, papers, and wastes must be of fire-resistant material and must have a cover or other means of containing possible fires started in the receptacles. Recent air carrier field incidents indicate that these requirements are not well known or specifically adhered to when waste container access is being addressed for a deferral. Lavatory waste containers are addressed via an airworthiness directive with MMEL coverage enacted where galley receptacles are not addressed in a vehicle that line operations are accustomed to. MMEL action is necessary to provide procedures and guidance to satisfy the intent of the regulations.

POLICY:

The following standard MMEL proviso and repair category is adopted to provide standardization among all MMELs.

25 (Equipment & Furnishings)

XX-X	Galley/Cabin Waste Receptacles Access Doors/Covers	C	-	-	(M) (O) May be inoperative provided: a) The container is empty and the access is secured to prevent waste introduction into the compartment, and b) Procedures are established to ensure that sufficient galley/cabin waste receptacles are available to accommodate all waste that may be generated on a flight.
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Each Flight Operations Evaluation Board (FOEB) Chairman should apply this Policy to affected MMELs through the normal FOEB process.

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