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MMEL Policy Letter 120, Revision 1

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To: All Region Flight Standards Division Managers
All Aircraft Evaluation Group Managers

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Reply To: Manager, Technical Programs Branch, AFS-260
Attn Of:

MMEL GLOBAL CHANGE

PL-120 is designated as GC-156

This Global Change (GC) is an approved addendum to all existing MMEL documents. Operators may seek use of the specific relief contained in this policy letter by revising their Minimum Equipment List (MEL). In doing so, each applicable sample proviso stating the relief in this policy letter, must be copied verbatim in the operator's MEL. Approval of a revised MEL is gained utilizing established procedures, through the Operator's assigned Principal Operations Inspector (POI).

Subject: Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT)

MMEL CODE: **23 (COMMUNICATIONS) and 25 (EQUIPMENT & FURNISHINGS)**

REFERENCE: 14 CFR Part 91.207 (f) (10), dated Jan 01, 2006
PL-120, Original, dated Jan 01, 2007

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy Letter is to provide standardized MMEL requirements for the Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT).

DISCUSSION:

Revision 1 adds ATA code assignment ATA 23 and the requirement that an inoperative system that remains installed must be deactivated. For Fixed ELTs, split items into two parts, those that are inoperative and those that are missing.

Adds relief for Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT). After review by the Flight Operations Policy Board, a determination was made that MMEL policy for ELTs was necessary in order to clarify the relief provided in 14 CFR Part 91.207(f)(10).

POLICY:

The following policy has been established for ELTs in order to provide operators with ready access to the dispatch relief allowed by 14 CFR.

For Fixed ELTs required by 14 CFR, Category A repair interval is assigned with repairs to be made within 90 days after the ELT is found to be missing or temporarily removed for inspection, repair, modification or replacement.

For ELTs in excess of those required by 14 CFR (Fixed or Survival Type), Category D repair interval is assigned.

23 – COMMUNICATIONS, or 25 – EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS	Repair Interval	Number Installed	Number Required for Dispatch	Remarks or Exceptions
25-XX Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT)				
*** Survival Type ELTs	D	–	–	Any in excess of those required by FAR may be inoperative or missing.
*** Fixed ELTs	A	–	0	(M) May be inoperative provided: a) System is deactivated, and b) Repairs are made within 90 days.
	A	–	0	May be missing provided repairs are made within 90 days.
	D	–	–	(M) Any in excess of those required by FAR may be inoperative provided system is deactivated.
	D	–	–	Any in excess of those required by FAR may be missing.

Each Flight Operations Evaluation Board (FOEB) Chairman should apply this Policy to affected MMELs through the normal FOEB process.

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