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(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2023–0028, dated February 1, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 89

[Docket No. FAA–2022–0859]

Accepted Means of Compliance; Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT

ACTION: Acceptable means of compliance; notice of availability; correction.

SUMMARY: The FAA is correcting a notice of availability (NOA) published on August 11, 2022 (87 FR 49520). In that NOA, the FAA provided an acceptable means of compliance (MOC) in accordance with a rule issued by the FAA on January 21, 2021, that went into effect on April 21, 2021. In that NOA, the FAA accepted ASTM International (ASTM) F3586–22, with additions identified, as an acceptable means, but not the only means of demonstrating compliance with the requirements for producing standard remote identification unmanned aircraft and remote identification broadcast modules. The FAA is correcting the

means of compliance of ASTM F3586–22 by correcting a typographical reference error in Table 3 and clarifying a testing requirement by revising a heading and adding clarifying language, as noted in the “Means of Compliance Accepted In This Policy” section of this document. This document includes acceptance of previously accepted MOCs with the corrections described.

DATES: This corrective action is effective November 14, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, part 89 establishes remote identification requirements for unmanned aircraft operated in the airspace of the United States. With a few exceptions, unmanned aircraft produced for operation in the airspace of the United States are subject to the production requirements of part 89. A person producing a standard remote identification unmanned aircraft or remote identification broadcast module for operation in the United States must show that the unmanned aircraft or broadcast module meets the requirements of subpart D of part 89 by following an FAA-accepted means of compliance (MOC).

An FAA-accepted MOC describes one means by which a person may comply with the minimum performance requirements for remote identification in subpart D of part 89. To be accepted by the FAA, an MOC must meet the requirements of both subparts D and E of part 89. The MOC must address the minimum performance requirements, as well as the testing and validation necessary to demonstrate compliance with the part 89 subpart D requirements. The FAA indicates its acceptance of an MOC by publishing a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** identifying the MOC as accepted and informing the applicant of its acceptance.¹

¹ 14 CFR part 89, subpart D.

A holder of an FAA-accepted MOC notified the FAA of a typographical error in a table and a deficient testing requirement in its FAA-accepted MOC, as discussed in the “Means of Compliance Accepted In This Policy” section of this document. This document includes acceptance of the previously accepted MOC with the requested corrections and describes the effect on existing Declaration of Compliance (DOC) holders based on the previously accepted MOC and on new and revised DOC submittals.

Means of Compliance Accepted in This Policy

On August 10, 2022, the FAA accepted ASTM “Standard Practice for Remote ID Means of Compliance to Federal Aviation Administration Regulation 14 CFR part 89”, ASTM F3586–22, with certain additions, as an MOC to the requirements of part 89 Subpart D in NOA Docket No. FAA–2022–0859.

The FAA has determined that a correction to the typographical error in table 3 of the FAA-accepted ASTM F3586–22 MOC standard, and a clarification to a deficient testing requirement in section 8.6 of the ASTM standard are necessary.

The FAA-accepted MOC update provided in this NOA is comprised of the MOC in Docket No. FAA–2022–0859 (*i.e.*, ASTM F3586–22, with the FAA-specified additions) with the following corrections:

1. F3586–22 Table 3, 89.320(h)(5), page 11, line 5: The test method must be MOC section 8.6, not section 8.9.3.

2. F3586–22 Section 8.6: revise heading to—*Broadcast Protocol, Message Elements, Periodicity and Latency Testing*:

3. F3586–22 Section 8.6: Add the following—In addition to the passing criteria, using a time-accurate test setup, the difference in time between the broadcasted timestamp and received packet time must be measured to be less than or equal to 1 second.

Effect of This Notice on Current FAA-Accepted Declarations of Compliance

Current valid FAA-accepted DOC for a standard remote identification unmanned aircraft or remote identification broadcast module that used the original FAA-accepted MOC (including all provisions of ASTM F3586–22 and the additions identified in NOA Docket No. FAA–2022–0859) with tracking number RID–ASTM–F3586–22–NOA–22–01 remain FAA-accepted, and holders of those DOC do not need to resubmit a DOC for the MOC in this document.

Effect of This Action on New and Revised Declaration of Compliance Submittals

Effective upon issuance of this NOA, the FAA will no longer accept new or revised DOC submissions using the original MOC identified in NOA Docket No. FAA–2022–0859. Applicants must submit new and revised DOC submittals using the MOC in this document and must use the tracking number identified in “Tracking Number” below.

Tracking Number

Producers submitting a new or revised DOC to the FAA declaring the standard remote identification unmanned aircraft or remote identification broadcast module meets the requirements of this FAA-accepted MOC (including all provisions of ASTM F3586–22, the additions identified in NOA Docket No. FAA–2022–0859, and the corrections to ASTM F3586–22 identified in this document) must include the following tracking number: RID–ASTM–F3586–22–NOA–23–01.

Availability

ASTM F3586–22, “Standard Practice for Remote ID Means of Compliance to Federal Aviation Administration Regulation 14 CFR part 89,” is available online at <https://www.astm.org/f3586-22.html>. ASTM International copyrights these consensus standards and charges the public a fee for service. Individual downloads or reprints of a standard (single or multiple copies, or special compilations and other related technical information) may be obtained through www.astm.org. The FAA maintains a list of accepted means of compliance on the FAA website at www.https://uasdoc.faa.gov/listMOC.

This NOA serves as acceptance by the Federal Aviation Administration of the ASTM Remote Identification Standard F3586–22, with additions specified in NOA Docket No. FAA–2022–0859 and corrections to ASTM F3586–22 specified in this NOA, as a means of compliance for meeting the requirements of part 89, subpart D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

46 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. USCG–2023–0305]

RIN 1625–AC87

Multi-Year Certificate of Documentation for Recreational Vessel Owners

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is issuing a final rule for recreational vessel owners to select a recreational vessel endorsement on a Certificate of Documentation (COD) with a validity of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 years. Currently, our regulations require that a COD will be effective for a 5-year period. Congress passed, and the President signed, the self-executing National Defense Authorization Act of 2022 (2022 Act), which directs the Coast Guard to issue recreational vessel CODs for 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 years. By updating the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to reflect this change, this final rule harmonizes the requirements of the 2022 Act, aligns CFR text with current Coast Guard policy, and provides vessel owners’ statutorily directed option to select the validity period of their COD that best suits their individual needs.

DATES: This final rule is effective December 14, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to www.regulations.gov, type USCG–2023–0305 in the search box, and click “Search.” Next, in the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document, call or email Mr. Ronald Teague, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, National Vessel Documentation Center, 792 T J Jackson Drive, Falling Waters, WV 25419; telephone 304–271–2506, email Ronald.S.Teague@uscg.mil.

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I. Abbreviations

- 2018 Act Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018
 2021 final rule Certificate of Documentation—5 Year Renewal Fees final rule
 2022 Act National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022
 CFR Code of Federal Regulations
 COD Certificate of Documentation
 DHS Department of Homeland Security
 FR Federal Register
 NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
 NVDC National Vessel Documentation Center
 OMB Office of Management and Budget § Section
 SME Subject matter expert
 U.S.C. United States Code

II. Basis and Purpose, and Regulatory History

The legal basis for this final rule is found in Section 3511 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Pub. L. 117–81, 135 Stat. 2238) (2022 Act), which the President signed on December 27, 2021. The 2022 Act directed the Coast Guard to allow an owner of a vessel with only a recreational endorsement to choose a Certificate of Documentation (COD) validity period of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 years.

The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists under the Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 553, to issue a final rule and dispense with notice and comment procedures. Prior notice and opportunity to comment on this rule are unnecessary under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) because Section 3511 of the 2022 Act provides the Coast Guard no discretion in adopting the specific timeframes for issuance or renewal of recreational vessel CODs. Section 3511 of the 2022 Act does not allow for alternatives. It does not permit the Coast Guard to decide upon a different timeframe for renewal, choose to adopt a different renewal period, or respond to public comments by modifying the substance of the rule. Therefore, soliciting public comment on the correct time period for COD renewal for a recreational vessel, or on the decision to update the regulations to comport with the statutory mandate, is unnecessary. It should be noted that the Coast Guard has already implemented the requirements of Section 3511 of the