

ADVISORY CIRCULAR .



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FAR GUIDANCE MATERIAL

Subject: AIRPORTS - REQUIRED DATA

1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular provides guidance as to acceptable methods for **compliance** with changes to the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) **121.97(b)** and **121.117(b)**.

2. BACK - . The Federal Aviation Administration determined that previous rules which described airport data and its dissemination were inadequate. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Report **72-17** also stated that irregularities in the collection and dissemination of airport information cause the air carrier operational control system to be ineffective. Therefore, **Sections 121.97** and **121.117** were changed to require the affected carriers to establish a program to obtain, maintain, and distribute specific data on the airports that they use.

3. DISCUSSION. The new rules, Sections **121.97(b)** and **121.117(b)**, state that in **pertinent** part, after September **9, 1981**, each air carrier or **commercial** operator must show that it has an approved system for obtaining, maintaining, and distributing to appropriate personnel current aeronautical data for each airport that it uses to ensure a safe operation at that airport. The aeronautical data must include the **following**: (1) Airports, (2) Runways, clearways, and stopways, (3) Displaced thresholds, (4) Obstacles, (5) Instrument flight procedures, and (6) Special information.

4. DATA SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS. The objective of this requirement is that each carrier develop a system that provides **appropriate** flight and ground personnel all the current airport data necessary for the safe operation of each flight. The Administrator will **approve** any system that can be **demonstrated** to **meet** this objective, The principal operations inspector assigned to each carrier is the appropriate person **from** which to **seek** approval.

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