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owned aircraft for the purpose of technology demonstration or testing, those aircraft are exempt.

(d) Privately owned aircraft that agency personnel use for official travel (even though such use is federally funded) are exempt.

§ 102-33.10 May we request approval to deviate from these rules?

Yes, see §§ 102-2.60 through 102-2.110 of subchapter A of this chapter for guidance on requesting a deviation from the requirements in this part. GSA may not grant deviations from the requirements in OMB Circular A-126, "Improving the Management of Government Aircraft," revised May 22, 1992. You should consult with GSA's Aircraft Management Policy Division (MTA) before you request a deviation. Also, you should fax a copy of your letter of request to MTA at 202-501-6742 at the same time you mail it to GSA's Regulatory Secretariat (see § 102-2.90 of subchapter A of this chapter). In most cases, GSA will respond to your written request within 30 days.

§ 102-33.15 How does this part relate to the Federal Aviation Regulations?

This part does not supersede any of the regulations in 14 CFR chapter I (Federal Aviation Regulations).

§ 102-33.20 What definitions apply to this part?

The following definitions apply to this part:

Acquisition date means the date that the acquiring executive agency took responsibility for the aircraft, *e.g.*, received title (through purchase, exchange, or gift), signed a bailment agreement with the Department of Defense (DOD), took physical custody (in the case of reassignment or inter-agency transfer), received a court order (in the case of forfeiture), put into operational status an aircraft that is newly manufactured by the agency, or otherwise accepted physical transfer (for example, in the case of a borrowed aircraft).

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Aircraft part means an individual component or an assembly of components that is primarily designated for and used on aircraft.

Armed Forces means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including their regular and Reserve components and members serving without component status. For purposes of this part, the National Guard is also included in the Armed Forces.

Aviation life support equipment (ALSE) means equipment that protects flight crewmembers and others aboard an aircraft, assisting their safe escape, survival, and recovery during an accident or other emergency.

Bailed aircraft means a Federal aircraft that is owned by one executive agency, but is in the custody of and operated by another executive agency under an agreement that may or may not include cost-reimbursement. Bailments are executive agency-to-executive agency agreements and involve only aircraft, not services.

Borrowed aircraft means an aircraft owned by a non-executive agency and provided to an executive agency for use without compensation. The executive agency operates and maintains the aircraft.

Chartered aircraft means an aircraft that an executive agency hires commercially under a contractual agreement specifying performance and one-time exclusive use. The commercial source operates and maintains a charter aircraft. A charter is one form of a full service contract.

Commercial aviation services (CAS) include—

(1) Leasing aircraft for exclusive use or lease-purchasing an aircraft with the intent of taking title;

(2) Chartering or renting aircraft for exclusive use;

(3) Contracting for full services (*i.e.*, aircraft and related aviation services for exclusive use) or obtaining full services through an inter-service support agreement (ISSA); or

(4) Obtaining related aviation services (*i.e.*, services but not aircraft) by commercial contract or ISSA, except

those services acquired to support a Federal aircraft.

Crewmember means a person assigned to operate or assist in operating an aircraft during flight time. Crewmembers perform duties directly related to the operation of the aircraft (e.g., as pilots, co-pilots, flight engineers, navigators) or duties assisting in operation of the aircraft (e.g., as flight directors, crew chiefs, electronics technicians, mechanics). For related terms, see *Qualified non-crewmember* and *Passenger* elsewhere in this section.

Criticality code means a single digit code that DOD assigns to military Flight Safety Critical Aircraft Parts (FSCAP) (see § 102-33.370).

Data plate means a fireproof plate that is inscribed with certain information required by the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 45) and secured to an aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or propeller blade. The information must be marked by etching, stamping, engraving, or other approved method of fireproof marking. The plate must be attached in such a manner that it is not likely to be defaced or removed during normal service or lost or destroyed in an accident. Data plates are required only on certificated aircraft; however, uncertificated aircraft may also have data plates.

Declassify means to remove a non-operational aircraft from the Federal aircraft inventory. Agencies may declassify only non-operational aircraft that they will retain for ground use only. Agencies must declassify an aircraft following the rules in §§ 102-33.415 and 102-33.420.

Disposal date means the date that the disposing executive agency relinquishes responsibility for an aircraft, for example, when the agency transfers title in the case of a sale or exchange; returns the aircraft to the lessor or bailer; declassifies it (for FAIRS, declassification is considered a “disposal” action, even though the agency retains the property); or relinquishes custody to another agency (i.e., in the case of excess (transferred) or surplus (donated or sold) aircraft).

Donated aircraft means an aircraft disposed of as surplus by GSA through donation to a non-federal government, a tax-exempt nonprofit entity, or other

eligible recipient, following the rules in part 102-37 of this subchapter. (Some agencies, for example DOD, may have independent donation authority.)

Exclusive use means a condition under which—

(1) An aircraft is operated for the sole benefit of the U.S. Government; and

(2) The executive agency using the aircraft has operational control of the aircraft and the authority to define departure times, origins and destinations of flights, and payloads, passengers, and cargo.

Executive agency means any executive department or independent establishment in the executive branch of the United States Government, including any wholly owned Government corporation. See 40 U.S.C. 472(a).

Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR chapter 1, parts 1 through 53) is a codified regulation of the U.S. Government that provides uniform policies and procedures for acquisition of personal property and services by executive agencies.

Federal aircraft means an aircraft that an executive agency owns (i.e., holds title to) or borrows for any length of time. When an executive agency loans or bails an aircraft that meets the criteria for Federal aircraft, that loaned or bailed aircraft is still considered a Federal aircraft in the owning agency’s inventory except when DOD is the owning agency of a bailed aircraft. In that case, the aircraft is recorded in the inventory of the bailee.

Federal Aviation Interactive Reporting System (FAIRS). (See §§ 102-33.395 through 102-33.440.)

Federal Aviation Regulation (14 CFR chapter 1) is a codified publication of the U.S. Government that describes uniform policies and procedures for regulating aviation within the national airspace system.

Federal Supply Service (FSS) is a component of GSA. FSS is organized by geographical regions. The FSS Property Management Division in GSA’s Region 9, 450 Golden Gate Ave., 9FBB, San Francisco, CA 94102-3434, (415) 522-3029, has responsibility for disposing of excess and surplus aircraft.

Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (41 CFR chapters 300-304) is a codified publication of the U.S. Government that

describes uniform policies and procedures for managing travel of the executive agencies.

Flight Safety Critical Aircraft Part (FSCAP) means any military aircraft part, assembly, or installation containing a critical characteristic whose failure, malfunction, or absence could cause a catastrophic failure resulting in loss or serious damage to the aircraft or an uncommanded engine shutdown resulting in an unsafe condition.

Forfeited aircraft means an aircraft acquired by the Government either by summary process or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to any law of the United States.

Full service contract means a contractual agreement through which an executive agency acquires an aircraft and related aviation services (for example, pilot, crew, maintenance, catering) for exclusive use. Aircraft hired under full service contracts are commercial aviation services (CAS), not Federal aircraft, regardless of the length of the contract.

Government aircraft means an aircraft that is operated for the exclusive use of an executive agency and is a—

- (1) Federal aircraft, which an executive agency owns, bails, loans, or borrows; or
- (2) Commercial aircraft hired as commercial aviation services (CAS), which an executive agency—
 - (i) Leases or lease-purchases with the intent to take title;
 - (ii) Charters or rents; or
 - (iii) Hires as part of a full service contract or an inter-service support agreement (ISSA).

Government Aircraft Cost Accounting Guide (CAG) means guidance published by GSA based on the cost elements defined in Attachments A and B to OMB Circular A-126 and in OMB Circular A-76, FAIRS, and the U.S. Government Standard General Ledger to account for Government aircraft costs.

Governmental function means a federally funded activity that an executive agency performs in compliance with its statutory authorities.

Intelligence agencies mean the following agencies or organizations within the U.S. intelligence community:

- (1) Central Intelligence Agency.
- (2) National Security Agency.

- (3) Defense Intelligence Agency.

- (4) National Reconnaissance Office.

- (5) The Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State.

- (6) Intelligence elements of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Department of Justice, Department of the Treasury, and Department of Energy.

Inter-service support agreement (ISSA) means any agreement between two or more executive agencies (including the Department of Defense) in which one agency consents to perform aviation support services (*i.e.*, providing an aircraft and other aviation services or providing only services) for another agency with or without cost-reimbursement. An executive agency-to-executive agency agreement that involves only the use of an aircraft, not services, is a bailment, not an ISSA.

Leased aircraft means an aircraft hired under a commercial contractual agreement in which an executive agency has exclusive use of the aircraft for an agreed upon period of time. The acquiring executive agency operates and maintains the aircraft. Leased aircraft are hired as commercial aviation services (CAS).

Lease-purchase aircraft means a leased aircraft for which the leasing executive agency holds an option to purchase.

Life-limited part means any aircraft part that has an established replacement time, inspection interval, or other time-related procedure associated with it. For non-military parts, FAA specifies life-limited parts' airworthiness limitations in 14 CFR chapter I, §§ 21.50, 23.1529, 25.1529, 27.1529, 29.1529, 31.82, 33.4, and 35.5, and on product Type Certificate Data Sheets (TCDS) for products certified before airworthiness limitations were added to 14 CFR chapter I. Letters authorizing Technical Standards Orders (TSO) must also note or reference mandatory replacement or inspection of parts.

Loaned aircraft means a Federal aircraft owned by an executive agency, but in the custody of a non-executive agency under an agreement that does not include compensation.

Military aircraft part means an aircraft part used on an uncertificated aircraft that was developed for the Armed Forces.

Non-operational aircraft means a Federal aircraft that is not safe for flight and, in the owning executive agency's determination, cannot economically be made safe for flight. This definition refers to the aircraft's flight capability, not its mission-support equipment capability. An aircraft that is temporarily out of service for maintenance or repair and can economically be made safe for flight is considered operational.

Official Government business, in relation to Government aircraft—

(1) Includes, but is not limited to—

(i) Carrying crewmembers, qualified non-crewmembers, and cargo directly required for or associated with performing Governmental functions (including travel-related Governmental functions);

(ii) Carrying passengers authorized to travel on Government aircraft (see OMB Circular A-126); and

(iii) Training pilots and other aviation personnel.

(2) Does not include—

(i) Using Government aircraft for personal or political purposes, except for required use travel and space available travel as defined in OMB Circular A-126; or

(ii) Carrying passengers who are not officially authorized to travel on Government aircraft.

Operational aircraft means a Federal aircraft that is safe for flight or, in the owning executive agency's determination, can economically be made safe for flight. This definition refers to the aircraft's flight capability, not its mission-support capability. An aircraft temporarily out of service for maintenance or repair is considered operational.

Original equipment manufacturer means the person or company who originally designed, engineered, and manufactured, or who currently holds the data rights to manufacture, a specific aircraft or aircraft part.

Owned aircraft means an aircraft for which title or rights of title are vested in an executive agency. Owned aircraft are considered Federal aircraft.

Passenger means a person flying onboard a Government aircraft who is officially authorized to travel and who is

not a crewmember or qualified non-crewmember.

Production approval holder means the person or company who holds a Production Certificate (PC), Approved Production Inspection System (APIS), Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA), or Technical Standards Order (TSO) authorization, issued under provisions of 14 CFR part 21, Certification Procedures for Products and Parts, and who controls the design and quality of a specific aircraft part.

Qualified non-crewmember means a person flying onboard a Government aircraft whose skills or expertise are required to perform or are associated with performing the Governmental function for which the aircraft is being operated (qualified non-crewmembers may be researchers, law enforcement agents, fire fighters, agricultural engineers, biologists, etc.). *Qualified non-crewmembers* are not passengers.

Registration mark means the unique identification mark that is assigned by the Federal Aviation Administration and displayed on Government aircraft (including foreign aircraft hired as CAS). *Tail number* is commonly used for *registration mark*.

Related aviation services contract means a commercial contractual agreement through which an executive agency hires aviation services only (not aircraft), e.g., pilot, crew, maintenance, cleaning, dispatching, or catering.

Rental aircraft means an aircraft hired commercially under an agreement in which the executive agency has exclusive use of the aircraft for an agreed upon period of time. The executive agency operates, but does not maintain, a rental aircraft.

Required use means use of a Government aircraft for the travel of an executive agency officer or employee to meet bona fide communications or security needs of the agency or to meet exceptional scheduling requirements. Required use travel must be approved as described in OMB Circular A-126.

Risk analysis and management means a systematic process for—

(1) Identifying risks associated with alternative courses of action involved in an aviation operation; and

(2) Choosing from among these alternatives the course(s) of action that will promote optimum aviation safety.

Safe for flight means approved for flight and refers to an aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, appliance, or part that has been inspected and certified to meet the requirements of applicable regulations, specifications, or standards. When applied to an aircraft that an executive agency operates under the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR chapter I), safe for flight means “airworthy,” *i.e.*, the aircraft or related parts meet their type designs and are in a condition, relative to wear and deterioration, for safe operation. When applied to an aircraft that an executive agency uses, but does not operate or require to be operated under the Federal Aviation Regulations, safe for flight means a state of compliance with military specifications or the executive agency’s own Flight Program Standards, and as approved, inspected, and certified by the agency.

Senior Aviation Management Official means the person in an executive agency who will be the agency’s primary member of the Interagency Committee for Aviation Policy (ICAP). This person must be of appropriate grade and position to represent the agency and promote flight safety and adherence to standards.

Serviceable aircraft part means a part that is safe for flight, can fulfill its operational requirements, and is sufficiently documented to indicate that the part conforms to applicable standards/specifications.

Suspected unapproved part means a non-military aircraft part, component, or material that any person suspects of not meeting the requirements of an “approved part.” Approved parts are those that are produced in compliance with the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 21), are maintained in compliance with 14 CFR parts 43 and 91, and meet applicable design standards. A part, component, or material may be suspect because of its questionable finish, size, or color; improper (or lack of) identification; incomplete or altered paperwork; or any other questionable indication. See detailed guidance in FAA Advisory Circular 21-29, “Detecting and Reporting Suspected

Unapproved Parts,” available from FAA at <http://www.faa.gov>.

Tail number (See *registration mark*).

Traceable part means an aircraft part whose original equipment manufacturer or production approval holder can be identified by documentation, markings/characteristics on the part, or packaging of the part. Non-military parts are traceable if you can establish that the parts were manufactured under rules in 14 CFR part 21 or were previously determined to be airworthy under rules in 14 CFR part 43. Possible sources for making a traceability determination could be shipping tickets, bar codes, invoices, parts marking (*e.g.*, PMA, TSO), data plates, serial/part numbers, manufacturing production numbers, maintenance records, work orders, etc.

Training means instruction for flight program personnel to enable them to qualify initially for their positions and to maintain qualification for their positions over time.

Travel Management Policy Division (MTT) means GSA’s Office of Transportation and Personal Property, Office of Governmentwide Policy. MTT is responsible for publishing the Federal Travel Regulation (41 CFR chapters 300 through 304), which contains policy for management of travel of U.S. Government personnel and certain others. Contact the MTT staff at 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, Room G-219; (202) 501-1538; see their Web site at <http://www.gsa.gov/travelpolicy>.

Unsalvageable aircraft part means an aircraft part that cannot be restored to a condition that is safe for flight because of its age, its physical condition, a non-repairable defect, insufficient documentation, or its non-conformance with applicable standards/specifications.

RESPONSIBILITIES

§ 102-33.25 What are our responsibilities under this part?

Under this part, your responsibilities are to—

(a) Acquire, manage, and dispose of Government aircraft (*i.e.*, Federal aircraft and commercial aviation services