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Stage 3, Stage 4, or Stage 5 noise levels

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§91.855 Entry and nonaddition rule.

No person may operate any airplane subject to §91.801(c) of this subpart to or from an airport in the contiguous United States unless one or more of the following apply:

- (a) The airplane complies with Stage 3, Stage 4, or Stage 5 noise levels.
- (b) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and was owned by a U.S. person on and since November 5, 1990. Stage 2 airplanes that meet these criteria and are leased to foreign airlines are also subject to the return provisions of paragraph (e) of this section.
- (c) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels, is owned by a non-U.S. person, and is the subject of a binding lease to a U.S. person effective before and on September 25, 1991. Any such airplane may be operated for the term of the lease in effect on that date, and any extensions thereof provided for in that lease.
- (d) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and is operated by a foreign air carrier.
- (e) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and is operated by a foreign operator other than for the purpose of foreign air commerce.
- (f) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and—
- (1) On November 5, 1990, was owned by:
- (i) A corporation, trust, or partnership organized under the laws of the United States or any State (including individual States, territories, possessions, and the District of Columbia);
- (ii) An individual who is a citizen of the United States; or
- (iii) An entity owned or controlled by a corporation, trust, partnership, or individual described in paragraph (f)(1) (i) or (ii) of this section; and
- (2) Enters into the United States not later than 6 months after the expiration of a lease agreement (including any extensions thereof) between an owner described in paragraph (f)(1) of this section and a foreign airline.
- (g) The airplane complies with Stage 2 noise levels and was purchased by the

importer under a written contract executed before November 5, 1990.

(h) Any Stage 2 airplane described in this section is eligible for operation in the contiguous United States only as provided under §91.865 or 91.867.

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§91.857 Stage 2 operations outside of the 48 contiguous United States.

An operator of a Stage 2 airplane that is operating only between points outside the contiguous United States on or after November 5, 1990, must include in its operations specifications a statement that such airplane may not be used to provide air transportation to or from any airport in the contiguous United States.

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§91.858 Special flight authorizations for non-revenue Stage 2 operations.

- (a) After December 31, 1999, any operator of a Stage 2 airplane over 75,000 pounds may operate that airplane in nonrevenue service in the contiguous United States only for the following purposes:
 - (1) Sell, lease, or scrap the airplane;
- (2) Obtain modifications to meet Stage 3, Stage 4, or Stage 5 noise levels.
- (3) Obtain scheduled heavy maintenance or significant modifications;
- (4) Deliver the airplane to a lessee or return it to a lessor;
 - (5) Park or store the airplane; and
- (6) Prepare the airplane for any of the purposes listed in paragraph (a)(1) thru (a)(5) of this section.
- (b) An operator of a Stage 2 airplane that needs to operate in the contiguous United States for any of the purposes listed above may apply to FAA's Office of Environment and Energy for a special flight authorization. The applicant must file in advance. Applications are due 30 days in advance of the planned