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*An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.*

## **SUBJECT: Age 65 law – One-stop shopping for Qs and As**

**Purpose:** To consolidate questions and answers relating to the Fair Treatment of Experienced Pilots Act (the Act), effective December 13, 2007. This InFO supersedes InFOs 07021 and 07023.

**Background:** In November, 2006, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) revised the maximum age for certain pilots in international operations from age 60 to age 65. Until 12/13/07, the United States, an ICAO member state, had limited its air carrier pilots to age 60 in both international and domestic operations. Now those pilots may continue until age 65, as specified in the Act.

**Discussion:** The Act is self-explanatory and clear in most respects, but it raises some questions. In an effort to promote uniform understanding of the Act, and uniform implementation of its provisions, the FAA is consolidating questions and answers as they are received and processed by the FAA, at a single public website:

[http://www.faa.gov/other\\_visit/aviation\\_industry/airline\\_operators/airline\\_safety/info/all\\_infos/media/age65\\_qa.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/info/all_infos/media/age65_qa.pdf)

The content of that website includes a hyperlink to the Act itself; pertinent legal interpretations issued by the FAA's Office of General Counsel, and frequently asked questions, with answers.

**Recommended action:** Directors of safety, directors of operations, chief pilots, trainers, and pilots under parts 121 and 135 should be aware of the requirements of the Act and should collaborate immediately in implementing its provisions. They should refer to the public website (above) for more information relating to the Act.