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(b) Each carrier shall preserve records supporting the computation of subsidy mail pay in accordance with the provisions of § 249.20 unless the carrier has been advised that these computations are subject to further review and disposition by the Board. When the DOT is still reviewing the compensation amount after expiration of the normal retention period specified in § 249.20, these records must be retained until the carrier is notified by the Director, Office of Airline Information, that the records may be destroyed.

(c) Each carrier that has been named a party to an enforcement proceeding or against whom a third-party complaint has been filed shall retain all records relating to the case until the receipt of formal notification from the Director, Office of Airline Information, following a written application from the carrier, which authorizes the destruction of these records.

(d) Each carrier that has been named a party to a pending case which is not of a type discussed in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section, shall preserve all records according to the provisions of § 249.20 unless the Director, Office of Airline Information, notifies the carrier in writing that specific records shall be preserved until final adjudication of the pending case.

(e) Each carrier that is a party to litigation in a Federal court of which the DOT is also a party shall retain all records relating to the case until the receipt of formal notification from the Director, Office of Airline Information, following a written application from the carrier, which authorizes the destruction of these records.

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§ 249.8 Premature loss or destruction of records.

If records are destroyed or lost before the expiration of the prescribed retention period, a statement shall be prepared and submitted to the Director, Office of Airline Information, which lists, as accurately as possible, the unavailable records and describes the cir-

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cumstances under which they became unavailable.

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§ 249.9 Carriers going out of business.

The records referred to in these regulations may be destroyed after the business is discontinued and the carrier is completely liquidated. The records may not be destroyed until dissolution is final and all transactions and litigations are completed. When a carrier is merged with another company which is regulated by the DOT, the successor company shall preserve records of the merged company in accordance with these regulations.

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§ 249.10 Waiver of requirements.

A waiver from any provision of this regulation may be made by the Director, Office of Airline Information, upon the Director's own initiative or upon submission of a written request by a carrier or group of carriers. Each request for waiver shall demonstrate that unusual circumstances warrant a departure from prescribed retention periods, procedures, or techniques, or that compliance with the prescribed requirements would impose an unreasonable burden on the carrier, and that granting the waiver would be in the public interest.

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Subpart B—Preservation of Records by Carrier

§ 249.20 Preservation of records by certificated air carriers.

Each certificated air carrier shall retain its records according to the provisions of this section. Unless otherwise specified in the "Schedule of Records," each retention period shall begin on the date when the records are created or otherwise come into the possession of the carrier.

SCHEDULE OF RECORDS

[See footnote at end of table]

Category of records	Retention period
1. General and subsidiary ledgers or their equivalents:	
(a) General ledgers; subsidiary or auxiliary ledgers	3 years.
(b) Indexes to general and subsidiary ledgers	Do.
2. Journals and journal vouchers:	
(a) General and subsidiary journals, and journal vouchers	3 years.
(b) Papers forming a part of, or necessary to explain, journal entries; entry numbers	Do.
3. Voucher distribution registers or their equivalent	Do.
4. Accounts receivables and payables:	
(a) Traffic accounts receivable or payable, detailed journals and ledgers or their equivalents, together with supporting papers.	Do.
(b) General accounts receivable or payable, detailed journals and ledgers or their equivalents, together with supporting papers.	Do.
(c) Copies of invoices issued by the carrier which have been settled and all supporting papers.	1 year.
(d) Copies of Postal Service Forms: Weekly Summary of Airmail Dispatch (No. 2729) and POD Airmail Exemption Record (No. 2734) supporting mail pay claims which have been settled.	30 days.
5. Subsidy records:	
(a) For each calendar year, all monthly records of operations, such as tabulations and summaries of miles flown and passenger-miles flown, pertaining to or part of operational records relevant to computation of subsidy mail pay.	3 years.
(b) For each calendar year, all basic original documents, such as pilots' flight logs and passenger lists relevant to a determination of the validity of a carrier's operations described in item (a) above.	Do.
6. The papers, records, or other evidence supporting financial and statistical reports to the BTS. These should include among others the following specific records: Internal administrative or operating reports; system reports of aircraft movements by trip number, showing arrivals, departures, flight delays and related information; bonds and other long-term debt records; stock records; corporate organization records; financial data in support of subsidy claims; minutes of meetings; carrier internal reports on internal controls and other internal audits and procedural studies; operational, management, accounting, financial, and legal service contracts and agreements; records and agreements relating to the lease or purchase and sale of company assets, including title papers, deeds, and similar records; insurance records; property and equipment records; tax records; accountants' and auditors' reports; records of receipts and disbursements including bank statements, check registers and cancelled checks; payroll registers of salaries and wages paid; cost accounting records for work orders; inventories of materials and supplies; and other source documents.	Do.
7. Funds reports and estimates of funds	1 year.
8. Consumer complaints:	
(a) Initial correspondence and record of action taken	3 years.
(b) Initial trip reports:	
(1) Traffic Data: Basic documents showing the number of passengers, and pounds of mail and property carried.	(1).
(c) Reservations reports and records:	
(1) Cards and charts constituting original source of passengers' names, telephone numbers, etc.	2 months.
(2) Telegrams and radio messages relating to the clearance of space, passenger dispatching, etc.	1 month.
(d) System report of airplane movements by trip number showing arrivals, departures, delays and related information.	3 years.
(e) Sales reports:	
(1) Sales ticket or other similar reports from stations, offices and agents	2 years.
(f) Auditors' coupons	1 year.
(g) Air waybills	Do.
(h) Flight coupons	Do.
(i) Ticket refund claims records and reports	Do.
(j) Records and reports relating to errors, oversales, irregularities and delays in handling passengers.	Do.
9. All documents which relate to the furnishing of transportation to candidates for political office or persons acting on their behalf which are required to be maintained following §374a.7 of the subchapter.	2 years.

SCHEDULE OF RECORDS—Continued

[See footnote at end of table]

Category of records	Retention period
10. Correspondence and working papers relating to rate and route proceedings	3 years.

¹ One year-mail-property; 2 years-passengers.

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§ 249.21 Preservation of records by public charter operators and overseas military personnel charter operators.

Each operator authorized under parts 372 and 380 of this chapter shall retain the following records for 6 months after completion or cancellation of the flight or series of flights. The records shall be made available upon request of an authorized representative of the DOT.

(a) All receipts and statements of travel agents and all other documents which show deposits made by each charter participant or which show refunds to charter participants.

(b) All receipts and statements of travel agents and all other documents which show or reflect commissions received, paid to, or deducted by travel agents in connection with the flight or series of flights.

(c) All statements, invoices, bills, and receipts from suppliers for furnishing of goods or services in connection with the tour or series of tours.

(d) All customer reservations records for each flight.

(e) All contracts with individual tour participants.

(f) All bank statements and reconciliations for escrow bank accounts opened and maintained in accordance with DOT regulations.

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Subpart C—Regulations Relating to the Truth-in-Lending Act

§ 249.30 Applicability.

This subpart is applicable to all air carriers and foreign air carriers as defined in 49 U.S.C. 40102, including, without limitation, direct carriers, air taxi operators registered under part 298 of

this chapter, indirect air carriers registered under part 296 of this chapter, charter operators authorized under parts 372 and 380 of this chapter, and foreign air carriers holding permits to engage in indirect foreign air transportation issued under 49 U.S.C. 41302.

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§ 249.31 Preservation and inspection of evidence of compliance.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers shall preserve evidence of compliance with the requirements imposed under Regulation Z of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR part 226), implementing the provisions of Title I (Truth in Lending) and Title V (General Provisions) of the Consumer Credit Protection Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*) other than the advertising requirements under § 226.10 of regulation Z. This evidence shall be preserved for no less than 2 years after the date each disclosure is required to be made and shall be made available for inspection by authorized representatives of the DOT.

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