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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: Envirotainer RKNe1 Active Unit Load Device (ULD)

Purpose: This InFO serves to inform operators that the Envirotainer RKNe1 active ULD is currently not approved for operational use of the active temperature control system.

Background: The Envirotainer RKNe1 container is currently not certificated as an active ULD under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 21, § 21.8(d), formerly §21.305(d). The container is only approved to meet the standards of the Technical Standard Order (TSO)-C90c, Cargo Pallets, Nets, and Containers, and not for the operational usage of the active temperature control system while utilized on U.S. registered aircraft. Certification of the use of the active ULD is still pending under § 21.8(d). In addition, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has not reviewed the operation of the active temperature control system for potential hazards to personnel and nor its affect on aircraft safety systems at this time.

Recommended Action: Operators should not utilize the active temperature control system of the Envirotainer RKNe1 in their fleet until the container is certificated under § 21.8(d) as an active ULD and is marked "FAA approved 14 CFR § 21.8(d)." Once certified, any operator intending to deploy these containers in their fleet should follow the guidance contained in Advisory Circular (AC) 120-85, Air Cargo Operations, dated 06/20/2005, and FAA Order 8900.1, Change-0, Volume 3, Chapter 47, Section 1, dated 05/04/2011, 3-3977(c), Cargo Handling Procedures - Active ULDs.

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