



Aviation Group Client Update

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DOT EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD ON AIR CARRIER ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORTING NPRM

Today, the Department of Transportation (DOT) extended the comment period on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) concerning the reporting of incidents involving animals during air transport.

The June 29, 2012 NPRM proposes to: 1) expand the reporting requirement to U.S. carriers that operate scheduled service with at least one aircraft with a design capacity of more than 60 seats; 2) expand the definition of “animal” to include all cats and dogs transported by carriers, regardless of whether the cat or dog is transported as a pet by its owner or as part of a commercial shipment; and 3) require all covered carriers to provide in their December reports for each year the total number of animals that were lost, injured, or died during air transport for the calendar year.

Comments are due on or before **September 27, 2012**. If you have any questions or would like help in preparation or submission of comments, please contact our office.

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