

Withdrawal of UL1093 Impact

BOEING COMMERCIAL AIRPLANES

Hand Held Requirements

- FAA regulation FAR 25.851 requires a minimum number of Hand Held Fire Extinguishers in the Flight Deck and Passenger Cabin.
- Extinguishers must be Halon 1211 UL 5 B:C or equal per AC 20-42C



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Halon 1211



Reasons to Keep UL1093 active

- 1. UL1093 is the only performance standard available to meet FAR 25.851
- 2. FAA Guidance Material for replacements will not be released until late 2009/early 2010.
- 3. No viable drop-in replacements for Halon 1211 extinguishers available
- 4. Replacement agents subject to other environmental regulatory restrictions (either as ODPs or GWPs).
- 5. Significant Installation Issues (weight and size increase) would requires a minimum of three years to install on airplane.
- 6. Alternative agents are not an environmental improvement due to increased fuel burn leading to increased CO2 emissions , plus they have higher GWP than 1211.
- 7. Halon 1211 extinguisher discharges in airplanes are a rare event
- 8. Plenty of Halon 1211 reserves to support continued use in critical/essential fire equipment (34,000 metric tons in 2020)
- 9. Halon 1211 may lose market value and may result in illegal discharge
- 10. May require Airline Training for flight crew will be required due need for additional firefighter technique
- 11. Spares would be impacted since replacements are not drop-in
- 12. Requirements should be set through global standards. ICAO has already started working with industry and other stakeholders to develop such standards
- 13. Industry Resources are better spent working to develop a drop-in replacement to reduce overall impact of the change

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Boeing Goal

- Boeing's goal is to pursue an alternative that is more compatible with installation and operational requirements while meeting long-term environmental requirements.
- To pursue this goal, Boeing released an RFI (over 30 suppliers) for the replacement of Halon Hand Held Fire Extinguishers in June, 2007.
- Boeing is working with Suppliers to evaluate proposals and develop a drop-in replacement. This includes visits and demonstrations.