

Relevant parts of corresponding FAA requirements

FAR25.813 - Emergency exit access

Per Amdt. 25-76 (Eff. 6/3/92) in Section **25.813(c)** the following requirements were introduced:

"The following must be provided for each Type III or Type IV exit--

(1) There must be access from the nearest aisle to each exit. In addition, for each Type III exit in an airplane that has a passenger seating configuration of 60 or more--

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(1)(ii), the access must be provided by an unobstructed passageway that is at least **10 inches** in width for interior arrangements in which the adjacent seat rows on the exit side of the aisle contain no more than **two** seats, or **20 inches** in width for interior arrangements in which those rows contain **three** seats. The width of the passageway must be measured".

FAR121.310 - Additional emergency equipment

FAR121.310 states the following with respect to Type III exits:

(f) *Emergency exit access.* Access to emergency exits must be provided as follows for each passenger-carrying transport category airplane:

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(3) There must be access from the main aisle to each Type III and Type IV exit. The access from the aisle to these exits must not be obstructed by seats, berths, or other protrusions in a manner that would reduce the effectiveness of the exit. In addition—

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(iii) After December 3, 1992, the access for an airplane type certificated after January 1, 1958, must meet the requirements of **§25.813(c)** of this chapter, **effective June 3, 1992**.

(iv) **Contrary provisions** of this section notwithstanding, **the Manager** of the Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, **may authorize deviation** from the requirements of paragraph (f)(3)(iii) of this section **if** it is determined that special circumstances make compliance **impractical**. Such special circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following conditions when they preclude achieving compliance with §25.813(c)(1)(i) or (ii) **without a reduction in the total number of passenger seats**: emergency exits located in close proximity to each other; fixed installations such as lavatories, galleys, etc.; permanently mounted bulkheads; an insufficient number of rows ahead of or behind the exit to enable compliance **without a reduction in the seat row pitch of more than one inch**; or an insufficient number of such rows to enable compliance **without a reduction in the seat row pitch to less than 30 inches**.