

# Aviation Group Client Update

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## Stage 3 Noise Compliance Deadline

On [July 16, 2015](#) the Federal Aviation Administration posted a notice reminding operators of jet airplanes weighing 75,000 pounds or less that after December 31, 2015 operations in the U.S may be conducted only with airplanes that comply with a least stage 3 noise levels.

Congress enacted this regulation in response to the impact smaller jet airplanes were having on communities near airports. This regulation can be found in Section 506 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. It is codified as 14 CFR § 91.881.

Operators of airplanes that do not comply with Stage 3 noise levels may choose to replace them, or to incorporate noise-reduction technologies that may be available to make the airplanes Stage 3 noise compliant. Failure to comply with this rule may result in civil penalties.

**If you have any questions or would like further information regarding these rules, please contact the following attorneys:**

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