



Aviation Group Client Update

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DOT ISSUES FINAL RULE ON AIRCRAFT ACCESSIBILITY AND STOWAGE OF WHEELCHAIRS

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recently issued a [Final Rule](#) regarding Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel; Accessibility of Aircraft and Stowage of Wheelchairs. The Final Rule is effective **January 13, 2014**.

Part 382 (Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel) of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations will be amended to permit airlines to use the “seat-strapping” method to transport passenger wheelchairs on aircraft. The “seat-strapping” method of wheelchair stowage involves placing a wheelchair across a row of seats using a strap kit that complies with applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or foreign government regulations on the stowage of cargo in the cabin compartment.

DOT will hold a meeting for airline, airport, and ticket agent representatives on **December 11, 2013** to discuss implementation of this rule.

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding the Final Rule or the DOT meeting, please contact our office.

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