

Operating *WITHOUT* a Minimum Equipment List: (AC 91-67)

MEL RESTRICTIONS — Operators of **SMALL** rotorcraft, **NONTURBINE POWERED** small single and multiengine airplanes [**12,500 pounds or less**], and other aircraft for which a MMEL has been developed, **may elect to operate WITH a MEL — OR —** under the provisions of **FAR § 91.213(d) [WITHOUT a MEL]**. However, the **latter option does not apply if** the aircraft **has an MEL approved under FAR Parts 121, 125, 129, or 135**. For example, an owner has leased an aircraft to an air carrier operator, and the air carrier operator has applied for and received an approved MEL for FAR Part 135 operations. **Compliance with such a MEL is mandatory, even during FAR Part 91 operations**. If the operator wants to operate under FAR § 91.213(d), the operator would have to surrender the MEL authorization.

DECISION PROCESS WHEN OPERATING *WITHOUT* a MEL:

