

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33**  
**OFFERED BY MR. NEHLS OF TEXAS**

At the end of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17 \_\_\_\_ . ALLOWING FOR THE OPERATION OF CIVIL SU-**  
2 **PERSONIC FLIGHT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
4 date of enactment of this section, the Administrator of the  
5 Federal Aviation Administration shall issue or revise such  
6 regulations, such as section 91.817 of part 14, Code of  
7 Federal Regulations, as are necessary to allow for the op-  
8 eration of civil aircraft (as defined in section 40102(16)  
9 of title 49, United States Code) without special authoriza-  
10 tion within the national airspace system at a Mach num-  
11 ber greater than 1 so long as the aircraft is operated in  
12 such a manner that no sonic boom reaches the ground in  
13 the United States.

14 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH NOISE STANDARDS.—Not  
15 later than April 1, 2027, the Administrator shall issue a  
16 final rule establishing noise standards under part 36 of  
17 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, requiring civil air-  
18 craft granted authority to operate pursuant to subsection  
19 (a) not to exceed the most recent takeoff and landing noise

1 levels required for subsonic aircraft currently in operation  
2 on the date of enactment.

3 (c) PERIODIC REVIEW.—In issuing the final rule  
4 issued under subsection (b), the Administrator shall fur-  
5 ther specify a process for periodic review and update of  
6 the rule to reflect future advances in aircraft noise reduc-  
7 tion technology and relevant regulatory changes, as deter-  
8 mined by the Administrator.

