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SPECIAL CIVIL AIR REGULATION

LIMITED FLIGHT NAVIGATOR CERTIFICATES

In recognition of the urgent requirement of the military services for air transport in the Pacific this past summer and fall resulting from the critical international situation, the Board promulgated Special Civil Air Regulation Serial Number SR-347 and Special Civil Air Regulation Serial Number SR-352, July 20, 1950, and August 1, 1950, respectively. These Special Civil Air Regulations authorized the Administrator to issue limited flight navigator certificates to individuals who possessed qualifications as flight navigators and who had served in the capacity of flight navigators as members of the armed forces of the United States, as employees of a United States air carrier, or as employees of a person engaged in the conduct of military contract operations. It is apparent to the Board that the foregoing action served materially to expedite the completion of contract flight operations the requirements for which were vitally related to the national defense.

Early in September the operations of the civil air carriers began to be curtailed, and it then appeared that the need for civil air transport would end in the immediate future. As a result many of the individuals to whom limited flight navigator certificates had been issued were either released from the employment of the carriers concerned, or were reassigned to other jobs with the carriers in which flight navigator certificates were unnecessary. Thus, many of such persons failed to take the examinations required under the provisions of Part 34 of the Civil Air Regulations for the issuance of permanent flight navigator certificates. We are now advised that unless certain of the air carriers are permitted to utilize some of the navigators who fall into this category, certain civil contract operations important to the military will have to be cancelled.

The international situation with which the military services are now confronted appears to be more serious than that with which the United States was confronted at the time of the adoption of previous Civil Air Regulations, and it will doubtless involve air transportation activities which exceed by a considerable margin the scope of the contract operations conducted subsequent thereto. In order that critically needed air transportation may continue to be provided in the Pacific, the Board intends to rescind the provisions of paragraph 3 of Special Civil Air Regulation Serial Number SR-352 and to permit the Administrator to renew limited flight navigator certificates which will have expired prior to December 31, 1950, for a period the termination date of which shall be no later than January 31, 1951, if the Administrator finds such issuance to be necessary for the schedule or completion of military contract operations.

It is to be noted that the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2, 4, and 5 are not being altered.

The Board is also undertaking a survey of industry needs to see whether or not an extension of the provisions of Special Regulation SR-352 is necessary in order to permit such additional military contract operations as the air carriers are asked to undertake.

For the reasons stated above, notice and public procedure hereon are impracticable and contrary to the public interest, and the Board finds that good cause exists for making this Special Civil Air Regulation effective immediately.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby makes and promulgates a Special Civil Air Regulation effective immediately to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of Special Civil Air Regulation Serial Number SR-352, the Administrator may renew any limited flight navigator certificate which has expired prior to January 1, 1951, if he finds that such renewal is necessary for the schedule or completion of any operations which are conducted by an air carrier pursuant to a contract entered into by that air carrier with the armed forces.

2. A limited flight navigator certificate which has been renewed in accordance with the provisions of 1. above shall remain in effect for a period of time established by the Administrator but in no instance later than January 31, 1951.

This regulation shall terminate January 31, 1951, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

(Sec. 205 (a), 52 Stat. 984; 49 U.S.C. 425 (a). Interpret or apply secs. 601, 602, 604, 52 Stat. 1007, 1008, 1010, 62 Stat. 1216; 49 U.S.C. 551, 552, 554, Act of July 1, 1948)

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

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