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SPECIAL CIVIL AIR REGULATION

EXTENSION OF DATE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH IDENTIFICATION PLATE REQUIREMENTS

Amendments 2-1, 3-1, 4a-3, 4b-1, 6-3, 13-1, 14-1, and 15-1, adopted November 2, 1949, established new requirements for identification plates for type certificated aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, and appliances. As adopted, these requirements were to be effective December 7, 1949. Upon being advised that certain manufacturers would not be able to obtain the new plates on time to meet the established effective date, in Special Civil Air Regulation SR-339, adopted December 6, 1949, the Board extended the date for compliance to March 7, 1950. On March 3, 1950, the Board adopted Special Civil Air Regulation SR-342 which authorized manufacturers who had stocks of plates on hand on December 6, 1949, to use such stock up to, but no later than, December 31, 1950. The basis for our action at that time was the undue economic burden which would result from requiring the manufacturers to discard their entire stock of old plates in view of the fact that the new requirements for identification plates were based on a long range rather than an immediate or direct contribution to air safety.

We are now faced with a new appeal for permission to use present stocks of identification plates which at least in one case is claimed to be a two-year supply. Upon this record alone we would not be inclined to grant any further extension of the compliance date. However, the current demands upon our domestic economy resulting in shortages of basic metals make it imperative that every effort be taken to utilize all material on hand. In this case air safety will not be jeopardized with the use of non-fireproof identification plates, and we therefore consider it advisable to extend the date of compliance until December 31, 1952.

For the reasons set forth above, notice and public procedure hereon are impractical and contrary to the interest of the public, and the Board finds that good cause exists for making this regulation effective on less than 30 days' notice.

In consideration of the foregoing the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby makes and promulgates a Special Civil Air Regulation effective January 1, 1951, to read as follows:

Contrary provisions of the Civil Air Regulations notwithstanding,

the identification plate requirements adopted by the Board on November 2, 1949, shall be applicable with respect to aircraft and aircraft components manufactured on and after April 7, 1950: Provided, That manufacturers who on December 6, 1949, had on hand a supply of identification plates which met the requirements of the then effective Civil Air Regulations may use such identification plates until such supply is exhausted or until December 31, 1952, whichever date is earlier.

This regulation supersedes Special Civil Air Regulation Serial Number SR-342, and shall terminate December 31, 1952, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

(Sec. 205 (a), 52 Stat. 984; 49 U.S.C. 425 (a). Interpret or apply secs. 601, 603, 52 Stat. 1007, 1008; 49 U.S.C. 551, 553)

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

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