UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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SPECIAL CIVIL AIR REGULATION

LIMITED FLIGHT NAVIGATOR CERTIFICATES

As stated in Special Civil Air Regulation Serial Number SR-357 adopted December 15, 1950, the Board's earlier regulations authorizing the issuance of limited flight navigator certificates of a maximum duration of 3 months to individuals who, while having qualifications for and experience as flight navigators, were unable immediately to meet the full requirements for certification under Part 34 of the Civil Air Regulations served materially to expedite the completion of contract flight operations vitally related to the earlier phase of the United Nations effort in Korea. The Board also pointed out that the current international situation appeared to be even more serious than it was in August 1950 when earlier action was taken. The Board has been advised that the civil air transport operations in the Pacific in support of the military will meet and probably exceed the maximums previously attained.

Pursuant to the authority previously granted the Administrator, more than 90 limited flight navigator certificates were issued, and approximately two-thirds of the recipients thereof have already obtained regular certificates after fully meeting the requirements of Part 34. More are expected to obtain such certificates before the termination date of the limited certificates issued to them. If the immediate and planned participation of civil air transport in the Korean air lift had not been greatly increased in recent weeks, the needs of the air carriers for licensed personnel would have been met.

However, the Board has been advised that operations planned and contracted for necessitate the employment of a considerably greater number of certificated flight navigators than are currently available and that the operators have made diligent efforts to obtain the services of such airmen to no avail. They have, therefore, requested the Board to extend the authorization for the issuance of limited flight navigator certificates. It has been stated that sufficient personnel meeting the requirements previously established for such certificates are available, that they will be given extensive refresher courses by the carriers, and that it is to be expected that they can meet the full requirements of Part 34 within the three-month duration period of the limited certificates. The Civil Aeronautics Administration has joined in the request that authorization be continued for the issuance of limited flight navigator certificates, and although advised of the possibility of such action by the Board no comment has been received from interested labor groups.

The Board is, therefore, extending for an additional 90-day period the authority to issue limited flight navigator certificates limited in duration to a maximum period of 3 months from the date of issuance. Such certificates will not be renewable, nor do we expect that it will be necessary to authorize further extensions of the provisions of this regula-

For the reasons stated above notice and public procedure hereon are impracticable, unnecessary, 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:

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1. Contrary provisions of the Civil Air Regulations notwithstanding, the Administrator may issue a limited flight navigator certificate to an individual who meets the following requirements:

(a) The applicant for such certificate shall have served as a flight navigator for at least six months, or for at least 500 hours, since December 7, 1941,

(1) as a member of the armed forces of the United States or a civilian employee thereof,

(2) as an employee of a United States air carrier prior to November 15, 1947,

(3) as an employee of a person engaged in the conduct of military contract operations;

(b) The applicant shall meet the requirements of §§ 34.2 through 34.5 and 34.8; and

(c) The applicant shall satisfactorily accomplish such written examination as may be prescribed by the Administrator.

2. The holder of a limited flight navigator certificate may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a flight navigator certificate issued in accordance with Part 34 of the Civil Air Regulations, except that he may act as a flight navigator only in those operations which are conducted by an air carrier pursuant to a contract entered into by that air carrier with the armed forces.

3. A limited flight navigator certificate, unless sooner surrendered, suspended, or revoked, shall remain in effect for the period of time indicated on the face thereof: *Provided*, That such period shall not exceed 3 months: *And provided further*, That limited flight navigator certificates renewed under the provisions of Special Civil Air Regulation SR-357 shall remain in effect until January 31, 1951. A limited flight navigator certificate issued under the provisions of this regulation shall not be renewable.

4. A flight navigator certificate shall be issued to the holder of a limited flight navigator certificate, if such holder accomplishes successfully the written examination prescribed in § 34.7. If such individual fails to accomplish satisfactorily any part of such written examination he may, with the approval of the Administrator, apply, notwithstanding the provisions of § 34.13, at any time, for re-examination on the part failed.

5. All limited flight navigator certificates issued pursuant to the authority of Special Civil Air Regulations SR-347, SR-352, or SR-357 shall have the same effect as though issued hereunder.

This regulation supersedes Special Civil Air Regulations SR-352 and SR-357 and shall terminate March 31, 1951, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

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

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

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