UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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FREE BALLOON PILOT CERTIFICATES RESTRICTED TO THE OPERATION OF HOT-AIR BALLOONS

Section 22.13 of the current Civil Air Regulations specifically prescribes the requirements for the issuance of free balloon pilot certificates. Under paragraph (f) of this section each applicant is required to pass an extensive examination on aeronautical matters which include meteorology, navigation, and the servicing and operation of airships. Under paragraph (g) he must comply with the minimum experience requirements with respect to flight instruction and solo flight time. Under paragraph (h) he is required to demonstrate successfully his skill in actual solo flight.

This amendment exempts from the requirements of paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) an applicant who seeks a free balloon pilot certificate restricted to the operation of hot-air balloons and who otherwise meets the requirements of the section. Experience has shown that the knowledge requirements of paragraph (f) are not prerequisite to the safe operation of hot-air balloons and that the experience and skill requirements of paragraphs (g) and (h) are inconsistent with the operating limitations of hot-air balloons. For these reasons the Board intends to permit the issuance of a free balloon pilot certificate limited to the operation of hot-air balloons without requiring compliance with the provisions of § 22.13 (f), (g), and (h).

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment, and due consideration has been given to all relevant matter presented.

In consideration of the foregoing the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby amends Part 22 (14 CFR, Part 22, as amended) effective April 6, 1951:

By amending § 22.13, excepting paragraphs (a) through (h), to read as follows:

22.13 Free balloon pilot certificate. An applicant for a free balloon pilot certificate which is not limited to the operation of hot-air balloons shall comply with the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (h) of this section. An applicant for a free balloon pilot certificate which is limited to the operation of hot-air balloons shall comply only with the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e).

(Sec. 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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