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25.—PARACHUTE RIGGER RATING

25.0—PROVISION FOR RATING.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Air Commerce Act requiring the Secretary of Commerce to provide by regulation for the rating of airmen serving in connection with aircraft of the United States as to their qualifications for such service, parachute riggers will be rated in accordance with the provisions of the following paragraphs.

25.1—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible for a parachute rigger competency rating, an applicant shall comply with the following minimum requirements.

25.10—Age.—Applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.

25.11—Character.—Applicant shall be of good moral character.

25.12—Citizenship.—Applicant may be a citizen of any nationality.

25.13—Education.—Applicant shall be able to read, write, speak and understand the English language.

25.14—Aeronautical Experience.—Applicant shall show satisfactory proof of having packed 20 or more parachutes under the supervision of a certificated parachute rigger.

25.2—PARACHUTE RIGGER CERTIFICATE.

25.20—Provision for Issuance.—A parachute rigger certificate of competency will be issued by the Secretary, upon approval of application made and satisfactory proofs submitted, to a natural person who, upon inspection and examination, is found by the Secretary to meet the minimum requirements prescribed in CAR 25.1 and is, therefore, rated as competent to pack, repair, inspect and maintain any parachute used in connection with civil aircraft of the United States.

25.200—Each holder of a valid parachute rigger license on the date these regulations go into effect may perform service pursuant to such authority until the expiration thereof, and then, upon compliance with the provisions for the renewal thereof, have issued to him a parachute rigger certificate, as provided for herein.

25.21—Application.—Application for a parachute rigger certificate of competency, subscribed under oath, shall be made to the Secretary upon a form supplied for the purpose.

25.210—APPLICATION TO AMEND.—When any change in a parachute rigger competency rating is desired, the applicant shall file a written request therefor with the Secretary or may make oral or written request of the local Bureau inspector.

25.211—PROCEEDING TO AMEND.—A proceeding to amend a parachute rigger competency rating may be instituted by the Secretary when, in his opinion, the parachute rigger is no longer competent in respect of some matter specified in the certificate. Notice of such proceeding shall be addressed to the parachute rigger with opportunity for a hearing. In the interim, the certificate may be suspended in whole or in part. Following the hearing, the Secretary may issue a re-rating as to competency.

25.22—Issuance.—Upon approval of an application duly made, proof submitted and examinations and tests satisfactorily completed, a parachute rigger certificate of competency will be issued.

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25.220—TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE.—Following application made for a parachute rigger certificate, but prior to approval thereof and issuance of the certificate, a temporary parachute rigger certificate may be issued by the local Bureau inspector. Likewise, for the period of time elapsing between application for renewal of a certificate and the issuance of the renewal, a temporary certificate may be issued by the local Bureau inspector.

25.23—Display.—A parachute rigger certificate shall be kept in the holder's personal possession when he is working on any parachute and must be presented for inspection upon demand of any prospective wearer, user, or owner of a parachute upon which such rigger has worked, or any authorized official or employee of the Department of Commerce, or State or municipal official charged with enforcing local regulations or laws involving Federal compliance, or upon the reasonable request of any other person.

25.24—Duration.—A parachute rigger certificate, unless sooner suspended or revoked in accordance with the provisions of CAR 25.27, will remain in force for 2 years after date of issue.

25.25—Renewal.—A parachute rigger certificate may be renewed upon application within 30 days prior to the expiration thereof and upon satisfactory showing that, during at least one-half of the term thereof, the holder has rendered service under his certificate and has packed at least 25 parachutes.

25.26—Non-Transferability.—A parachute rigger certificate is not transferable.

25.27—Suspension or Revocation.—A parachute rigger certificate may be suspended or revoked by reason of any of the following on the part of the holder thereof:

25.270—(*a*) Any false statement in application for certificate or in any report required by the Secretary.

25.271—(*b*) Using or displaying certificate for any fraudulent purpose.

25.272—(*c*) Refusal to exhibit certificate on proper demand.

25.273—(*d*) Doing any act in connection with parachutes which is contrary to the public safety or interest, or detrimental to the morale of pilots or parachute riggers.

25.274—(*e*) Any demonstration of incompetency in the repair, maintenance, inspection, or packing of a parachute. Furthermore, the failure of any parachute packed by the certificate holder to open after the rip cord was pulled by the wearer shall be prima facie evidence of incompetency.

25.275—(*f*) Being under the influence of, or using or having personal possession of intoxicating liquor, cocaine, or other habit-forming drugs while on duty.

25.276—(*g*) Carelessness or inattention to duty.

25.277—(*h*) Violation of any provision of the Air Commerce Act or any regulations duly issued thereunder.

25.28—Surrender.—Upon notice from the Secretary of the suspension or revocation of his parachute rigger certificate, the holder shall immediately return such certificate to the Secretary.

25.29—Re-Application.—Any applicant for a parachute rigger certificate who has failed to accomplish successfully the prescribed theoretical or practical tests or meet the requirements for such rating or certificate shall be privileged to reapply any time after the expiration of 90 days from the date of such disapproval.

25.3—EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS.

25.30—General.—The examinations and tests prescribed in the foregoing regulations will be conducted by an authorized officer or employee of the Department of Commerce or by a properly qualified person designated by the Secretary. The Secretary may, in his discretion and at any time, require any applicant or the holder of any parachute rigger certificate to undergo a re-examination in any theoretical or practical test prescribed as requisite for such rating or certificate.

25.31—Time and place.—All examinations and tests will be held at such time and place as the Secretary may designate.

25.32—Inspection.—The applicant for any parachute rigger certificate of competency shall offer full cooperation in respect of any inspection and examination which may be made of said applicant upon proper demand by any authorized representative of the Secretary prior or subsequent to the issuance of a parachute rigger certificate of competency.

25.33—Standard of Performance.—All practical and theoretical examinations and tests shall be accomplished to the satisfaction of the Secretary, and the minimum passing grade in the subject of examination or test shall be 70 per cent.

25.34—Reports.—The person giving any examination or test in behalf of the Secretary will promptly report the result thereof to the Secretary.

25.4—PARACHUTE RIGGER REGULATIONS.—The following rules pertaining to parachute rigger certificates will govern parachute rigger services in relation to parachutes:

25.40—Necessity for Certificate.—No person (other than one designated by, and operating as a parachute packer or rigger for, the Army or Navy) shall pack, repair, inspect, or maintain any parachute used in connection with civil aircraft of the United States, unless possessed of a valid parachute rigger certificate of competency.

25.41—Responsibility in Repacking.—A person possessed of a valid parachute rigger certificate shall be charged with the responsibility of refusing to repack any parachute which is in an unairworthy condition.

25.42—Minimum Facilities.—A person possessed of a valid parachute rigger certificate shall not pack, repack or repair as provided for in CAR 25.43, any parachute except in a place where the minimum facilities for such operations are

(*a*) A suitable table, at least 3 by 40 feet, with smooth surface;

(*b*) a rack where parachutes can be suspended for drying and airing;

(*c*) packing tools and repair equipment suitable for the repacking and repair of the type of parachute involved, and

(*d*) adequate housing facilities for the above equipment.

25.43—Minor Repairs.—Repairs such as the replacement of pack-opening rubbers, packs and pilot chutes, and the patching of holes and tears in silk, may be made by any person possessed of a valid parachute rigger certificate.

25.44—Major Repairs.—Repairs such as the replacement of canopies, panels, shroud lines and harness shall be made only by the manufacturer of the parachute involved, or by another manufacturer of parachutes deemed competent by the Secretary to make such repairs.

Any and all rules or regulations made, established, and issued by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to law as are inconsistent with the provisions of the above specified civil air regulations are hereby repealed.