TITLE 14 - AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

CHAPTER I - FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

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PART 25 - PARACHUTE RIGGER CERTIFICATES

Operating Rules for the Packing, Repair, Maintenance, Alteration, and Inspection of Parachutes

The Federal Aviation Agency published as a notice of proposed rule making (26 F.R. 4289) and circulated as Civil Air Regulations Draft Release No. 61-8 on May 17, 1961, a proposal to amend Part 25 of the Civil Air Regulations to alleviate the burden imposed upon those persons engaged in activities where personnel-carrying parachutes are used exclusively for intentional jumping. In this respect, the Agency is aware that there are numerous parachute clubs throughout the country organized for the purpose of making sport parachuting a safe recreational activity. To accomplish this, these self-governing clubs have established safety rules to strictly control all sport jumping activities of their members. Among other things, experienced club approved safety officers monitor the condition and packing of parachute equipment used by the sport parachutist.

The effectiveness of these parachute clubs in achieving a high degree of safety in parachuting activities has been well demonstrated since 1959 under the provisions of exemptions granted by the Agency, whereby, about 90 percent of all parachute club members have been permitted to pack the main parachute used exclusively by them for sport jumping.

This amendment to Part 25 provides that a noncertificated individual may pack the main parachute of a dual parachute pack to be used exclusively by him for intentional jumping. Additionally, it authorizes an appropriately

certificated rigger to deviate from the provisions of §§ 25.81 through 25.85 when performing services in connection with the main parachute of a dual parachute pack used for intentional jumping. However, this amendment requires that personnel-carrying parachutes intended for emergency use, including the auxiliary parachute of a dual parachute pack, must be packed, repaired, maintained, altered, and inspected in an approved manner by appropriately certificated and rated riggers.

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

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 25 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 25, as amended) is hereby amended as follows, effective November 27, 1961:

1. By amending § 25.0 to read as follows:

25.0 Applicability of this part. This part establishes the requirements for the issuance of parachute rigger and master parachute rigger certificates and ratings, provides for the privileges of such certificates, and establishes basic operating rules for the packing, repair, maintenance, alteration, and inspection of personnel-carrying parachutes for use in connection with civil aircraft of the United States.

2. By amending § 25.80 to read as follows:

25.80 General.

(a) Personnel-carrying parachutes for emergency use. No individual shall pack, repair, maintain, alter, or inspect any parachute

intended for emergency use by an individual, including the auxiliary parachute of a dual parachute pack to be used for intentional jumping, unless he is an appropriately certificated parachute rigger or master parachute rigger, and complies with the provisions of §§ 25.81 through 25.85.

(b) Personnel-carrying parachutes for nonemergency use. No individual shall pack, repair, maintain, alter, or inspect any main parachute of a dual parachute pack to be used by an individual for intentional jumping, unless he is an appropriately certificated parachute rigger or master parachute rigger: Provided, That an individual who does not hold a parachute rigger or master parachute rigger certificate may pack the main parachute of a dual parachute pack which will be used exclusively by him for intentional jumping: And provided further, That a certificated parachute rigger or master parachute rigger need not comply with the provisions of §§ 25.81 through 25.85 when engaged in packing, repairing, maintaining, altering, or inspecting the main parachute of a dual parachute pack to be used for intentional jumping.

(Sections 313(a), 601, 602; 72 Stat. 752, 775, 776; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421, 1422)

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