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PART 26—CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR CERTIFICATES

Traffic Control Procedures

Part 26 of the Civil Air Regulations provides, among other things, for the basic knowledge and experience requirements for the issuance of air traffic control tower operator certificates. Sections 26.26 and 26.26-1 provide that certificated air traffic control tower operators shall control traffic in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Administrator in Part 617.

Part 617 provides a detailed description of such procedures. These procedures are, in essence, a duplication of the procedures contained in Part 3 of the Army-Navy-Air Force-Federal Aviation Agency Procedures for the Control of Air Traffic (ANC/PCAT) Manual.

The ANC/PCAT Manual has been and is recognized as the principal air traffic control procedures document, and little, if any, use is made of the material provided in Part 617. To provide a single, official source of all air traffic control procedures and to eliminate the administrative task involved in the maintenance of two documents, it is deemed advisable and in the best interest of the public to rescind Part 617, and this is being accomplished in a complementary action.

To conform Part 26 to the rescission of Part 617, § 26.26 is being amended to delete a cross reference to Part 617. In addition, the appropriate manuals of the Federal Aviation Agency are established as the official source for the procedures and practices to be employed by a certificated air traffic control tower operator. A substitute note reflects the proper source of material concerning these procedures. An editorial amendment to this section has also been made to update the reference to an air route traffic control center. Section 26.26-1 is being eliminated, since this section will no longer be required.

Inasmuch as these amendments impose no additional burden upon any person, compliance with the notice and procedure requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act is unnecessary.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 26 (14 CFR Part 26) is hereby amended as follows:

1. By amending § 26.26 to read as follows:

§ 26.26 Exercise of authority.

A certificated air traffic control tower operator shall control traffic in accordance with the procedures and practices as prescribed in the appropriate air traffic control manuals of the Federal Aviation Agency to provide for the safe, orderly and expeditious flow of air traffic in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) When weather conditions are equal to or better than the basic minimums prescribed for VFR flight by Part 60 of this subchapter, air traffic may be controlled by an operator with either a junior or senior rating for the airport involved: *Provided,* That where the volume or character of the air traffic, the type and equipment of aircraft utilizing the airport, or the airport facilities require that an operator with a junior rating be supervised, all air traffic at such airport shall be controlled under the supervision of an operator with a senior rating.

(b) When weather conditions are below the basic minimums prescribed for VFR flight by Part 60 of this subchapter, air traffic shall be controlled by an operator with a senior rating, and such operator shall not issue an air traffic clearance for flight without prior authorization from the appropriate air route traffic control center.

(c) In an emergency an operator with a senior rating may delegate his authority to an operator with a junior rating.

NOTE: Information regarding the appropriate air traffic control manuals of the Federal Aviation Agency may be obtained from any Federal Aviation Agency Air Traffic Control facility, any Federal Aviation Agency Regional Office, or by writing to:

Federal Aviation Agency, Bureau of Air Traffic Management, 1711 New York Avenue, Washington 25, D.C.

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2. By rescinding § 26.26-1.

This amendment shall become effective thirty days after publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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