UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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Civil Air Regulations Amendment 33-4
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EXCHANGE OF FLIGHT RADIO OPERATOR CERTIFICATES

Currently effective Civil Air Regulations required individuals who met the requirements of Part 33 for flight radio operator certificates prior to February 15, 1950, to exchange such certificates for new ones prior to January 1, 1951. The requirements of Part 33 presently include standards established in Annex 1 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, standards which are to become effective among all the nations which are parties to the Convention on May 1, 1953.

It has been noted that certain individuals holding expired certificates have inadvertently failed to exchange them for new ones, in part because of misunderstanding attributable to the conflict between the date of expiration of their certificates and that for general compliance with the international standards under the Convention. Many of these individuals are currently employed as flight radio operators by air carriers and are needed for current operations. This amendment, therefore, provides that the present expiration date on all flight radio operator certificates issued prior to February 15, 1950, shall be extended to May 1, 1953, and that each holder of such certificate who meets or has met the requirements of Part 33 shall surrender his certificate for a new one on or before that date. This amendment also provides for a period of 12 months beyond the new expiration date during which the Administrator may at his discretion renew or reissue a certificate of a qualified individual without requiring any re-examination.

For the reasons set forth above, notice and public procedure hereon are impracticable and unnecessary, and the Board finds that good cause exists for making this amendment effective immediately.

In consideration of the foregoing the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby amends Part 33 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR, Part 33, as amended), effective March 2, 1951:

By amending § 33.8 to read as follows:

33.8 Exchange of certificates. All flight radio operator certificates issued prior to February 15, 1950, shall expire on May 1, 1953. Each certificate holder who surrenders his outstanding certificate to the Administrator on or before May 1, 1953, shall be issued a new certificate if he meets or has met the requirements of this part. Between May 1, 1953, and May 1, 1954, the Administrator may at his discretion renew or reissue a certificate without requiring a re-examination or further demonstration of technical competence.

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(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:

/s/ M. C. Mulligan

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