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PART 42—IRREGULAR AIR CARRIER AND OFF-ROUTE RULES

Frequency of Pilot Proficiency Checks

Part 42 of the Civil Air Regulations presently requires each pilot in command to successfully pass pilot equipment and proficiency checks within the preceding 6 months. Section 42.47 allows a grace period of 30 days for all airman checks.

Parts 40, 41, 42, and 46 specify the time interval between pilot proficiency checks differently which has resulted in varying interpretations as to requirements and administrative practices. Since no difference is intended between air carrier operations in this respect, all of the air carrier parts are being amended to make the frequency requirement of pilot proficiency checks the same.

Since this regulatory action imposes no additional burden upon any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 42 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 42) is hereby amended as follows to become effective October 29, 1959.

1. By amending the introductory paragraph of § 42.44(a)(4) to read as follows:

§ 42.44 Recent flight experience requirements for flight crew members.

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(a) *Pilots.* * * *

(4) Subsequent to the initial pilot equipment and instrument checks required by subparagraphs (2) and (3), respectively, of this paragraph, an approved course of training in an aircraft simulator, if satisfactorily completed, may be substituted at alternate 6-month intervals for the proficiency check required by subparagraphs (2) and (3). The air carrier shall show that the flight characteristics, performance, instrument reaction, and control loadings of the applicable aircraft are accurately simulated in the aircraft simulator through all ranges of normal and emergency operations in accordance with subdivisions (i) through (vii) of this subparagraph.

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2. By amending § 42.47 to read as follows:

§ 42.47 Grace period for airman periodic checks.

Whenever this part requires an airman check at stated intervals, such check may be given at any time during the month preceding or following the month in which it becomes due. The effective date of the check, if given within the preceding or following month, shall be the same as if given within the month in which it became due.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 604, 72 Stat. 752, 778, 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1424)

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