UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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Civil Air Regulations Amendment 43-3
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AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION MARKS AND DISPLAY OF AIRWORTHINESS CLASSIFICATION

Part 43 of the Civil Air Regulations provides that aircraft identification marks shall be displayed on civil aircraft in a manner prescribed by the Administrator and shall consist of the registration symbol "N" and the airworthiness classification symbols "C," "R," "X," or "L" followed by the registration numerals.

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate the airworthiness classification symbols "C," "R," "X," and "L" from the identification mark and to redesignate airworthiness certificates as "standard," "restricted," "experimental," and "limited," respectively.

The increasing number of aircraft being registered has resulted in the assignment of identification marks employing 6 numerals. It is desirable that identification marks with fewer digits be employed. The deletion of the letter denoting the airworthiness classification and the employment of letters of the alphabet in combination with numerals to form the identification number will accomplish this purpose.

This amendment also provides that the words "standard," "restricted," "experimental," and "limited" be used in lieu of the symbols "C," "R," "X," and "L," respectively, in the issuance of airworthiness certificates and for airworthiness classification. Aircraft having other than the standard airworthiness certificate, namely, "restricted, " "experimental," or "limited," will be required to display the appropriate airworthiness classification over the entrance to the aircraft or at another conspicuous location on the aircraft in a manner and form prescribed by the Administrator.

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

In consideration of the foregoing the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby amends Part 43 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR, Part 43, as amended) effective July 3, 1948:

1. By amending § 43.102 by adding a new paragraph (f) as follows:

(f) Alternate identification marks. After December 31, 1948, aircraft registered for the first time and, after December 31, 1950, all aircraft shall display identification marks consisting of the Roman capital letter "N" denoting U. S. registration followed by the registration

number. However, this identification mark may be displayed prior to these dates at the option of the owner of the aircraft.

When this identification mark is utilized, those aircraft having other than a standard airworthiness certificate shall display the appropriate airworthiness classification as prescribed in Parts 03, 04a, 04b, 06, and 09 on the aircraft in a manner and form prescribed by the Administrator. Those aircraft having a standard airworthiness certificate need not display the airworthiness classification designation.

2. By amending the title of § 43.30 to read as follows:

43.30 Instruments and equipment for NC powered aircraft or powered aircraft with standard airworthiness certificates.

(Secs. 205 (a), 601, 603, 52 Stat. 984, 1007, 1009; 49 U.S.C. 425 (a) 551, 553)

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

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