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PART 43—GENERAL OPERATION RULES

Clarification of Aircraft Limitations for Student Pilots

Section 43.55 of Part 43 of the Civil Air Regulations provides that a student shall not pilot an aircraft other than that of the category, class, and type which has been endorsed on his student pilot certificate by a flight instructor. As used in this regulation, the word "type" was intended to mean the make and model of the aircraft which a flight instructor had found the student competent to operate in solo flight. It was not intended that such an endorsement would authorize the student pilot to operate any other make and model of aircraft in solo flight, regardless of its similarity to the aircraft covered by the endorsement.

It is also true that similarity in design of some aircraft, especially those of the same manufacturer, could present substantial difficulty in determining whether two particular aircraft are, or are not, of the same type. The lack of clarification of this point has resulted in some student pilots operating, or attempting to operate, aircraft which they were not competent to fly.

Civil Air Regulations Draft Release No. 59-8 proposed substitution of the words "make and model" in lieu of the word "type". The words "category" and "class" have also been deleted as they are superfluous when the words "make and model" are used.

This amendment should increase safety by eliminating the possibility of misinterpretation of the intent of the regulation.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment (24 F.R. 5613), and due consideration has been given to all relevant matter presented.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 43.55 of Part 43 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 43, as amended) is hereby amended to read as follows, effective December 29, 1959:

§ 43.55 Aircraft limitations.

A student pilot shall not pilot an aircraft other than that of the make and model which has been endorsed on his student pilot certificate by a flight instructor.

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

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