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GENERAL OPERATION RULES

DROPPING OF OBJECTS OR PERSONS FROM AIRCRAFT

Currently effective § 43.47 of Part 43 of the Civil Air Regulations prohibits a pilot from dropping anything from an aircraft that might create a hazard to persons or property. This section has been construed by certain persons to prohibit aerial application operations such as spraying, dusting, and seeding, a prohibition which was never intended. This amendment indicates clearly, however, that these operations are permitted and that other operations such as dropping newspapers and circulars are also permitted, when proper precautions have been taken for the dropping of these objects.

It has also come to the attention of the Board that several parachute jumps have been made in congested areas. The Civil Air Regulations do not currently deal with this problem. In view of the possible hazard to persons or property arising out of such parachute jumps, however, it is now provided that a pilot in command is prohibited from permitting intentional parachute jumps over congested areas except in an emergency or in accordance with an authorization granted 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 September 27, 1954:

By amending § 43.47 to read as follows:

43.47 Dropping objects or persons.

(a) No person piloting an aircraft shall permit any object to be dropped from such aircraft in flight which creates a hazard to persons or property.

(Note: This rule prohibits neither aerial application operations, such as seeding, spraying or dusting, nor the dropping of newspapers, periodicals, circulars, or objects of any other kind, provided reasonable precautions are taken to avoid injury or damage to persons or property.)

(b) No person piloting an aircraft shall permit a parachute jump to be made from such aircraft over congested areas of cities, towns, or settlements, or an open air assembly of persons except in an emergency or except under the terms of an authorization issued by the Administrator.

(Sec. 205 (a), 52 Stat. 984; 49 U.S.C. 425 (a). Interpret or apply sec. 601, 52 Stat. 1007, as amended; 49 U.S.C. 551)

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

/s/ M. C. Mulligan

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