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SPECIAL CIVIL AIR REGULATION

AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENT PILOTS IN ALASKA
TO OPERATE ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

Section 43.52 of Part 43 of the Civil Air Regulations currently provides, among other things, that no student pilot shall pilot an aircraft on an international flight.

Increasing flying activity in the northern area of Alaska's southeastern panhandle has led to active student instruction at the Juneau and Gustavus Airports, and the formation of a flying club at the Haines Airport. The topography of the country and the adverse weather conditions which prevail to the south are such that they do not lend themselves to practical cross-country training for student pilots and, in addition, present an unsafe situation.

To the south, the nearest airport which falls within the 100-mile minimum distance required to qualify for a private pilot certificate is Annette Island. Annette Island is 310 miles from Haines Airport along a route which is impracticable for cross-country training because of treacherous winds, sudden weather changes, and terrain which provides virtually no accessibility for a successful forced landing.

To the north, the nearest airport beyond 100 miles from Haines would be White Horse, located in the Yukon Territory. White Horse is 110 miles from Haines along the route of the White Pass and the Yukon Railroad over terrain which provides accessibility for a successful forced landing. In addition, the weather conditions along this route are more favorable and predictable. Although this route represents the only practical and safe cross-country training for student pilots, it would require their participating in international flights which are prohibited by the present regulations.

Special arrangements have been concluded with Canada to provide similar reciprocal privileges should the need arise to conduct cross-country flights to specific points within United States.

For the reasons stated, and since this regulation places no additional burden on any person, the Board finds that notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby makes and promulgates the following Special Civil Air Regulation, effective February 3, 1959.

Contrary provisions of § 43.52 of Part 43 of the Civil Air Regulations notwithstanding, a student pilot may make international flights for the purpose of solo cross-country training from the Haines, Gustavus, and Juneau Airports, located in that part of Alaska lying east of the one hundred and forty-first meridian of west longitude, to White Horse located in the Yukon Territory, over the province of British Columbia, Canada, and return.

(Sec. 205 (a), 52 Stat. 984; 49 U.S.C. 425 (a). Interpret or apply secs. 601, 602, 52 Stat. 1007, 1008, as amended; 49 U.S.C. 551, 552)

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