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PART 46—SCHEDULED AIR CARRIER HELICOPTER CERTIFICATION AND OPERATION RULES

Absence of Flight Crew Members From Their Duty Stations

Section 46.354 of the Civil Air Regulations requires all flight crew members to remain at their respective stations with seat belts fastened during take-off or landing, and while en route except when the absence of one such flight crew member is necessary in connection with his "regular duties." As used in this regulation the term "regular duties" was intended to mean those duties involving the operation of the aircraft. It was not intended to encompass activities related to furthering public relations or other activities not related to operational safety of the aircraft. The absence of a flight crew member from his duty station for the performance of such activities unnecessarily reduces the degree of vigilance, attention to duty, and availability for emergency action required for the operation of modern aircraft under conditions of high density traffic.

Accordingly, § 46.354 is being amended to clarify its intention and application. Similar amendments are being made simultaneously to Parts 40, 41, 42, and 60 of the Civil Air Regulations to provide identical rules for all operations covered by those parts.

Inasmuch as this amendment is a clarification of the present requirements and imposes no additional burden on any person, compliance with the notice, procedures and effective date provisions of section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act is unnecessary and not required.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 46.354 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR 46.354), is hereby amended as follows effective April 22, 1959:

The present § 46.354 is deleted and a new section substituted to read:

§ 46.354 Flight crew members at controls.

All required flight crew members when on flight deck duty shall remain at their respective stations while the helicopter is taking off or landing, and while en route except when the absence of one such flight crew member is necessary for the performance of his duties in connection with the operation of the helicopter. All flight crew members shall keep their seat belts fastened when at their respective stations.

(Sec. 313(a), 72 Stat. 752; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a). Interpret or apply Secs. 601, 604, 72 Stat. 775, 778; 49 U.S.C. 1421, 1424)

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