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PART 46—SCHEDULED AIR CARRIER HELICOPTER CERTIFICATION AND OPERATION RULES

Frequency of Pilot Proficiency Checks

Part 46 of the Civil Air Regulations presently requires each pilot in command to successfully pass pilot proficiency checks at least twice in each 12-month period. Section 46.302(b) requires such checks to be given at intervals of not less than 4 months nor more than 8 months.

Parts 40, 41, 42, and 46 specify the time interval between pilot proficiency checks differently which has resulted in varying interpretations as to requirements and administrative practices. Since no difference is intended between air carrier operations in this respect, all of the air carrier parts are being amended to make the frequency requirement of pilot proficiency checks the same.

Since this regulatory action imposes no additional burden upon any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 46 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 46) is hereby amended as follows to become effective October 29, 1959:

1. By amending § 46.302(b)(1) to read as follows:

§ 46.302 Pilot checks.

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(b) *Proficiency check.* (1) An air carrier shall not utilize a pilot as pilot in command until he has satisfactorily demonstrated to a check pilot or a representative of the Administrator his ability to pilot and navigate helicopters to be flown by him. Thereafter, he shall not serve as pilot in command unless each 6 months he successfully completes a similar pilot proficiency check. The proficiency check may be given at any time during the month preceding or following the month in which it becomes due. The effective date of the check, if given within the preceding or following month, shall be the same as if given within the month in which it became due. Where such pilots serve in more than one helicopter type, the pilot proficiency check shall be given alternately in helicopters of each type flown by him.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 604, 72 Stat. 752, 778, 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1424)

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