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CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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Civil Air Regulations Amendment 52-1
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FOREIGN REPAIR STATION CERTIFICATE AND RATINGS

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for the issuance of foreign repair station certificates outside of the United States where the Administrator finds that such agencies are needed for the maintenance, alteration, and repair of United States aircraft operated outside the United States.

The lack of repair agencies authorized to perform work on United States aircraft in certain areas outside the United States causes considerable inconvenience to aircraft owners, pilots, and operators conducting international flight operations. The standards, privileges, and limitations contained in present Part 52 were designed principally to provide for the operation of approved repair stations in the United States, or by United States citizens outside of the United States in areas where a considerable number of United States certificated aircraft are being operated. However, there are other areas outside the United States where fewer United States aircraft are being operated and where it has not been economically feasible to establish such agencies which comply fully with the present requirements of Part 52.

In some of these areas there are foreign repair stations which are competent to make repairs and perform maintenance on certain types and classes of United States aircraft. Certification of foreign agencies to perform the kind of work for which they have demonstrated their competency will expedite the maintenance, repair, and return to service of United States aircraft in accordance with our airworthiness standards in those areas where regularly certificated repair stations are not presently available. Such stations will not be approved in areas where United States stations are operated or in any other area unless the Administrator finds that the agency is needed for the maintenance, alteration, and repair of United States aircraft.

This amendment will permit the Administrator to issue specialized ratings to foreign nationals, limiting the scope and type of work to be accomplished with such ratings. It will also permit the use of foreign mechanics who do not hold mechanic certificates issued by the United States. Thus, aircraft operators will be afforded a means of having necessary aircraft maintenance and repairs accomplished in accordance with appropriate airworthiness standards so that flight may be continued without undue delay.

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, finding that this amendment is necessary in the interest of the public, amends Part 52 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR, Part 52, as amended), effective March 10, 1949:

By adding a new § 52.38 to read as follows:

52.38 Foreign repair station certificate and ratings. A foreign repair station certificate with appropriate ratings may be issued to a citizen of a foreign government subject to the following requirements:

(a) A repair station may be certificated only where it is necessary to provide for the maintenance, alteration, and repair of United States registered aircraft outside the United States.

(b) The applicant shall meet the requirements of this part, except that in lieu of complying with §§ 52.20, 52.42, and 52.43, the applicant shall:

(1) have adequate personnel competent to perform or supervise the work for which the repair station is rated;

(2) be required to maintain such records and make such reports with respect to United States registered aircraft as the Administrator finds necessary for the satisfactory administration of the privileges granted by this part.

(c) The certificate shall be limited to performance of work on aircraft which are used in operations conducted in whole or in part outside the United States and contain such operating specifications and limitations as the Administrator may prescribe to insure compliance with the applicable aircraft airworthiness requirements of the Civil Air Regulations.

(d) The certificate shall be of 6-month duration, unless sooner revoked, suspended, or terminated by a general order of the Board.

(Secs. 1 (6), 205 (a), 601, 607, 52 Stat. 977, 984, 1007, 1011; 49 U.S.C. 401 (6), 425 (a), 551, 557; 62 Stat. 1216; Pub. Law 872, 80th Congress, 2d Sess.).

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

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