UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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Civil Air Regulations Amendment 60-3
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AIR TRAFFIC RULES

COMMUNICATION RULES IN HIGH DENSITY AIR TRAFFIC ZONES

On February 6, 1957, the Civil Aeronautics Board adopted Amendment 60-2 which amended § 60.18 of Part 60 of the Civil Air Regulations so as to delegate to the Administrator authority to permit him to designate "high density air traffic zones" within which speed limit and communication rules would become applicable.

With respect to the two-way radio communication requirement, the Board found it advisable to require communication from aircraft engaged in VFR flight only when the pilot intended to take off or land at or fly within the traffic pattern of a designated airport within the high density zone. This intent is clearly outlined in the preamble of Amendment 60-2.

It was also the Board's intent to provide an exception to this rule for aircraft not equipped with two-way radio so that they could operate to and from such a designated high density airport if prior authorization from the airport traffic control tower had been obtained. It appears, however, that the language of the provision in § 60.18 (f) (2) may be construed to require communication from aircraft operating at airports within the zone other than those designated as high density airports.

In order to eliminate ambiguity and make the proviso consistent with the communication rule and the Board's intent, it is considered appropriate to substitute language which clearly relates the proviso to a designated high density airport within the zone.

Since this amendment is of a clarifying nature and does not impose any additional burden on any person, the Board finds that notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and the amendment may be made effective with less than 30 days' notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby amends Part 60 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 60, as amended) effective March 15, 1957.

By amending § 60.18 (f) (2) to read as follows:

60.18 Operation on and in the vicinity of an airport. * * *

(f) High density air traffic zone. * * *

(2) Communication requirements. No person shall take off or land an aircraft at or enter the traffic pattern of a designated high density airport unless radio communication with the appropriate air traffic control facility has been established: Provided, That an aircraft not equipped with functioning two-way radio may take off or land at or enter the traffic pattern of such designated airport if prior authorization from the appropriate airport traffic control tower has been given.

(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:

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