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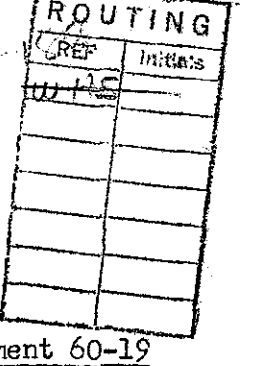

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PART 60—AIR TRAFFIC RULES

Interpretation of VFR Cruising Altitudes and IFR Cruising Altitudes

Part 60 of the Civil Air Regulations comprises the Air Traffic Rules and certain definitions pertaining thereto. Section 60.32 of this part prescribes certain requirements attendant to the cruising altitudes to be maintained in flight and is intended to provide a degree of separation between aircraft during level cruising flight. The rule does not purport to provide separation during periods of climb, descent, turning or while holding in a one or two minute holding pattern. There is no parallel between the "segregation" inherent in this rule and the separation provided by the air traffic control system between IFR flights. It must also be emphasized that the application of these rules in no way reduces the obligation of pilots to exercise utmost in-flight vigilance for collision avoidance purposes as required by other sections of this part.

To clarify possible ambiguities which may exist with respect to the applicability of the phrase "level cruising flight", as it appears in the section, to certain flight maneuvers, a note is being inserted to follow § 60.32. The purpose of this note is to indicate that "level cruising flight" does not include the following maneuvers:

1. Turning.
2. Holding which is accomplished in a one or two minute holding pattern.

Since the term "level cruising flight" has an identical application in § 60.44, IFR cruising altitudes, that section is also being amended to include an identical note.

Inasmuch as the addition of these notes is of a minor clarifying nature 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, Part 60 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 60, as amended) is amended to add the following note to §§ 60.32 and 60.44:

NOTE: When an aircraft is holding in a one or two minute holding pattern or when it is turning, it is not considered to be in level cruising flight.

This amendment shall become effective upon its publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Secs. 313(a), 307, 72 Stat. 752, 749; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1348)

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