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SUBCHAPTER A—CIVIL AIR REGULATION

PART 60—AIR TRAFFIC RULES

Operation at Airports

Civil Air Regulations (CAR) Amendment 60-24, effective December 26, 1961 (26 F.R. 9069), established the requirement currently contained in § 60.18(b)(6)(ii) that fixed-wing aircraft, approaching to land on a runway served by visual glide slope devices, be flown so as to remain at or above the glide slope until arrival at the runway threshold. Since the adoption of the amendment, experience has indicated that the requirement is too restrictive and, in certain cases, might have an adverse effect on the safety of flight. Federal Aviation Agency studies, as well as comments received from the Air Transport Association and the Air Line Pilots Association, indicate that by remaining at or above the glide slope until reaching the runway threshold, aircraft may be forced to either descend at an excessive rate in order to effectively utilize the runway, or to touch down at a point considerably farther down the runway than is desirable, depending upon the variables of wind, temperature, and aircraft type.

Safety of flight is of paramount consideration, and the Agency, in discharging its regulatory responsibility, is responsive to amendment of its regulations for this reason. Accordingly, § 60.18(b)(6)(ii) is being amended so as to permit flight below the visual glide slope during the final stages of an approach to landing where noise abatement ceases to be a prime consideration. This amendment will permit the maneuvering necessary to touch down near the runway threshold without significant adverse effect upon the basic intent of the rule.

Inasmuch as this amendment relaxes an existing requirement, compliance with the notice, public procedure and effective date requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act is unnecessary.

In consideration of the foregoing, Civil Air Regulations Part 60, § 60.18(b)(6)(ii) (14 CFR Part 60) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(ii) *Operation on and in the vicinity of an airport.* When approaching to land on a runway served by visual glide slope devices, fixed-wing aircraft shall be flown so as to remain at or above the glide slope until flight below the glide slope is necessary to complete a safe landing.

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

(Sec. 307, Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 72 Stat. 749; 49 U.S.C. 1348)

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