UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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Civil Air Regulations Amendment 61-1
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FLIGHT RECORDERS FOR SCHEDULED AIR CARRIER OPERATION

The provisions of § 61.341 require that after June 30, 1948, all scheduled air carrier aircraft of 10,000 pounds or more maximum authorized take-off weight shall be equipped with flight recorders.

It now appears that appropriate quantities of flight recorders are not available. Moreover, the lack of information as to the dependability of those available makes it impracticable to enforce compliance with this requirement on the date specified. It also appears desirable to obtain some operational experience to prove the serviceability and dependability of such types of flight recorders as are available before requiring that all transport aircraft be equipped with these devices.

The Air Transport Association of America on behalf of the scheduled air carriers has agreed to initiate a program for the service testing of available instruments on various make and model aircraft used by the air carriers. This program will be submitted to the Board for approval, and the air carriers will make periodic reports to the Board with respect to the service tests being conducted.

After an appropriate proving period, the Board intends to specify a date subsequent to which all scheduled air carrier aircraft over 10,000 pounds certificated maximum take-off weight shall be required to be equipped with flight recorders.

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. Since this amendment imposes no additional burden on any person, it may be made effective without prior notice.

In consideration of the foregoing the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby amends Part 61 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR, Part 61, as amended) effective July 1, 1948, by deleting § 61.341.

(Secs. 205 (a), 601, 604, 52 Stat. 984, 1007, 1010; 49 U.S.C. 425 (a), 551, 554)

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