UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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Civil Air Regulations Amendment 61-7
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RUNWAY UTILIZATION

Many airports have dense residential or industrial areas or obstructions in their immediate vicinity which make the use of certain runways preferable from the standpoint of safety. The Administrator of Civil Aeronautics is presently engaged in establishing a preferential runway program to be used at such airports. Accordingly pilots will be encouraged, whenever airport and weather conditions permit, to use such designated runways which will allow take offs over less congested areas. This will have a beneficial effect on safety: first, safety on the ground will be increased and noise nuisance diminished by less frequent flight over congested area; and second, flight over less congested areas will allow greater possibilities of a reasonably safe landing in the event of an emergency.

Section 61.238 of Part 61 of the Civil Air Regulations requires that for take off, the runway with the greatest effective length be used, and that the take off be commenced from a point which will fully utilize the available runway length. While a preferential runway program is both desirable and necessary, Section 61.238 would, in many instances, prevent pilots from utilizing preferred runways in that it limits the choice of runways. Therefore, to allow immediate use of the preferential runway program, the Board considers that Section 61.238 should be deleted. It should be noted, however, that the Board considers full utilization of available runway length to be a desirable operational practice.

Since this amendment imposes no additional burden on any person and is designed to allow the Administrator immediately to implement a program of establishing preferential runways, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary and the amendment 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 immediately:

1. By deleting § 61.238.

(Sec. 205 (a), 52 Stat. 984; 49 U.S.C. 425 (a). Interpret or apply secs. 601, 604, 52 Stat. 1007, 1010; 49 U.S.C. 551,554)

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

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