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Sections 40.405 and 40.406 of the Civil Air Regulations prescribe the weather minimums for instrument approach procedures and VFR and IFR takeoffs and landings. This supplement interprets these regulations with respect to the weather reports which will control in determining whether such weather conditions exist at any given time.

This supplement also revokes the rule contained in section 40.406–1 and republishes that material as an interpretation applying to section 40.406.

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40.390–2 *Establishment of alternate airport landing minimums at airports where ILS or GCA only available instrument approach aids (CAA interpretations which apply to sec. 40.390 (a)).* Alternate airport landing minimums as low as 600–2, 700–1½, or 800–1 may be approved at airports where an ILS or GCA is the only instrument approach aid serving such airport: *Provided,* That adequate radio facilities are available to accomplish transition to the ILS or GCA.

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40.390–3 *Establishment of alternate airport landing minimums at airports served by ILS (CAA policies which apply to sec. 40.390 (a)).* The landing minimums prescribed in section 40.390 (a) may be authorized at airports where the ILS is not equipped with approach lights.

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40.391–1 *Circumstances when incorporation of procedures may be authorized in the air carrier's manual for continued operation beyond a scheduled terminal (CAA policies which apply to sec. 40.391 (b)).* Authority to incorporate procedures in the air carrier manual for the continuation of flight beyond a scheduled terminal with an airplane which has inoperative required equipment [8] will be given to an air carrier when the air carrier shows that:

(1) Such procedures specify the required equipment that may be inoperative and the particular circumstances and conditions under which the airplane may continue in air transportation beyond a scheduled terminal without adversely affecting the safety of the flight; and

(2) Such procedures specify the place to which the flight may be continued and the inoperative required equipment will be repaired or replaced in lieu of the terminal stop: *Provided,* That the airplane may not continue flight beyond a place at which it is normally scheduled for the accomplishment of the next daily service or inspection by the air carrier.

[8] Required equipment is that equipment which is specified in section 40.170.

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[40.405–1 *VFR takeoff and landing minimums (CAA interpretations which apply to sec. 40.405).*

[(a) *General.* The ceiling and visibility contained in the main body of the latest weather report furnished by the U. S. Weather Bureau or a source approved by the Weather Bureau will control for VFR takeoffs and landings on all runways of an airport, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section.

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Administration in authorizing the ceiling and visibility minimums contained in the operations specifications issued to scheduled air carriers. Specific deviations from these policies may be approved in instances where CAA and industry representatives concur that the safety of the operation would not be prejudiced.

(1) *Military airports.* When an air carrier is authorized to use a military airport, the ceiling and visibility minimums approved for takeoff and landing at that airport will not be less than those agreed upon by the military authorities having jurisdiction over the airport.

(b) *Takeoff minimums.*

(1) *Regular, refueling, and provisional airports.*

(i) *General; all aircraft.* In approving takeoff minimums for scheduled air carriers, consideration will be given to the following factors:

(*a*) Obstructions and terrain in the vicinity of the airport.

(*b*) Effective length of each runway to be used by the air carrier.

(*c*) The performance characteristics of each type aircraft to be used by the air carrier at the airport.

(*d*) IFR departure procedures in use at the airport.

(*e*) Runway lighting facilities and runway pavement marking available at the airport.

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(ii) *Two-engine aircraft.* The lowest takeoff minimums for two-engine aircraft normally will be 300–1. However, minimums as low as 200–½ may be approved in accordance with certain specific conditions and limitations prescribed in the air carrier's operations specifications.

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(2) *Alternate airports.* Takeoff minimums for both two- and four-engine aircraft may be approved as low as 300–1 when the air carrier is authorized to use a particular airport as an alternate airport only. When an airport is used as an alternate airport and such airport is also authorized in the air carrier's operations specifications as a regular, refueling, or provisional airport, the takeoff minimums shown on the applicable Form ACA–511 may be used: *Provided*, That the pilot-in-command is currently qualified into the airport in accordance with the applicable Civil Air Regulations, otherwise, takeoff minimums of 300–1 or the takeoff minimums shown on the Form ACA–511, whichever are greater, will be applicable.

(c) *Landing minimums, regular, refueling, or provisional airports.*

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