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SUBJECT: 61.200 Weather Minimums; Visual-Contact Clearance

The Office of Aviation Safety announces the adoption of rules relating to the weather conditions governing the dispatch of air carrier aircraft in visual-contact operation. The new rules provide for the dispatch of scheduled air carrier aircraft in visual contact night operation using radio navigational aids. Notice of proposed adoption of these rules was published under CAM 40.36-1 in 15 FR 6331, September 22, 1950. These rules become effective January 1, 1951.

61.200-1 Dispatch-Visual Contact Night Operation

Attached is a page headed "CAR 61.200 Weather minimums; visual-contact clearance" which should be retained as a page in the series of statements that will be issued explaining or implementing Civil Air Regulation 61.

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Attachment

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"CAR 61.200 Weather minimums; visual contact clearance. The following rules relating to weather conditions will govern the dispatching of air carrier aircraft in visual-contact operation. No scheduled air carrier aircraft shall be dispatched unless:

"(a) The hourly weather report sequence and current weather forecasts shall show a trend that gives sufficient indication that the ceilings and visibilities along the route to be flown are and will remain at or above the minimums specified in the air carrier operating certificate until the flight arrives at the point cleared to.

"(b) During day operation minimum visibility shall be 1 mile except contact flight may be made when visibility is reduced to one-half mile by local smoke, dust, haze, blowing snow, or sand.

"(c) During night operation at least one beacon on the course shall be visible from the aircraft at all times, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Administrator."

61.200-1 DISPATCH-VISUAL CONTACT NIGHT OPERATION. (CAA rules which apply to section 61.200(c).)

Where a scheduled air carrier meets the requirements of CAM 40.36-1, the requirements of section 61.200(c) shall not apply.