

Limited Distrib.

~~ST~~  
~~CS~~  
~~BN~~  
~~LR~~

TITLE 14 - AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

CHAPTER I - FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

Regulatory Docket No. 442; Regulation No. SR-403A

Affects Parts 4b, 42

SPECIAL CIVIL AIR REGULATION

Certification and Operation of Certain Airplanes for the Department of the Interior in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

Special Civil Air Regulation No. SR-403 waived certain provisions of Part 4b of the Civil Air Regulations to permit the certification thereunder of three Grumman SA-16A airplanes owned or controlled by the Department of the Interior. These airplanes were certificated for operation by Transocean Air Lines, under contract with the Department of the Interior, to provide transportation within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and between those islands and the island of Guam. The airworthiness certificate for each airplane certificated under SR-403 was required to bear the following legend: "This certificate is issued pursuant to Special Civil Air Regulation SR-403 and is valid only for operation by Transocean Air Lines under contract with the Department of the Interior within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and between these islands and the island of Guam."

By letter dated July 1, 1960, the Department of the Interior informed the Administrator that the contract with Transocean Air Lines expired June 30, 1960. The Department has requested that SR-403 be revised to permit the issuance of airworthiness certificates which will be valid when the Grumman SA-16A airplanes are operated by either the Trust Territory Government or by a contractor selected by that Agency. With minor exceptions, other terms and conditions of SR-403 would remain unchanged.

The circumstances which led to the adoption of SR-403 continue to exist. The safety record in operations conducted under the provisions of this regulation has been satisfactory, and the Federal Aviation Agency can continue to monitor the safety practices of any contractor by means of the air carrier operating certificate or the commercial operator certificate such persons are required to hold.

Special Civil Air Regulations Nos. SR-364 and SR-364A, which permitted Transocean Air Lines to operate PBY aircraft in the Trust Territory, are obsolete and are being rescinded by this regulation.

Since this regulatory action involves minor changes, and imposes no additional burden on any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and it may be made effective on less than 30 days' notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, the following Special Civil Air Regulation is hereby adopted:

1. Contrary provisions of the Civil Air Regulations notwithstanding, Grumman SA-16A airplanes owned or controlled by the Department of the Interior will be certificated under the provisions of Part 4b of the Civil Air Regulations, effective December 31, 1953, except that compliance need not be shown with the following provisions of that part. Airplanes so certificated shall be restricted to operations conducted within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and between these islands and the island of Guam by the Trust Territory Government or by an air carrier or commercial operator under contract with the Trust Territory Government.

a. Sections 4b.120(a) and 4b.120(b) to the extent that the maximum certificated takeoff weight with respect to performance cannot be met at weights of 29,000 pounds or less.

b. Section 4b.120(c).

c. Sections 4b.115, 4b.116, 4b.117, 4b.122, 4b.123, 4b.124, 4b.324(a), 4b.337(a)(1), 4b.337(a)(2), 4b.441(b)(1), 4b.474(c), 4b.484(a)(2), 4b.485(c), 4b.604(j), 4b.604(f), 4b.604(h), and 4b.622(c) to the extent that the airplane cannot comply with the provisions of these sections: Provided, That the Military Flight Manual, placards, or similar means shall be provided which shall contain the appropriate procedures and warnings necessary to overcome or explain the deficiencies resulting from noncompliance with these sections.

d. Sections 4b.226(b), 4b.352(b), 4b.356(b), 4b.383(b)(2), 4b.612(d), 4b.612(f), 4b.624(b) to the extent that the airplane cannot comply with the provisions of these sections.

e. Section 4b.443 to the extent that it requires the oil tank to be located outside a fire zone unless it is constructed of fire-proof materials.

f. Sections 4b.740 through 4b.743: Provided, That the Military Flight Manual shall be used as supplemented by such limitations and procedural data as found necessary by the Director, Bureau of Flight Standards, or his authorized representative, or as required by this regulation.

2. The airworthiness certificate for each airplane certificated hereunder shall bear the following legend: "This certificate is issued pursuant to Special Civil Air Regulation SR-403A and is valid only for operations conducted within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and between these islands and the island of Guam by the Trust Territory Government or by an air carrier or commercial operator under contract with the Trust Territory Government."

3. The operations referred to herein shall be conducted in accordance with Part 42 of the Civil Air Regulations with the exception of sections 42.21(a)(15), section 42.30 to the extent necessary to permit the use of military overhauled parts and supplies, and of those provisions which are inconsistent with the requirements of Part 4b for which noncompliance is authorized herein: Provided, That appropriate Bureau of Flight Standards personnel shall establish operating limitations consistent with the standards established herein.

4. The air carrier operating certificate or commercial operator certificate of any contractor selected by the Trust Territory Government shall be amended to the extent necessary to permit the use of said Grumman SA-16A airplanes in operations conducted pursuant to the terms of the contract.

This Special Civil Air Regulation shall become effective on August 9, 1960, and supersedes Special Civil Air Regulations Nos. SR-364, SR-364A, and SR-403.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 603, 604, 605; 72 Stat. 752, 775, 776, 778; 49 USC 1354, 1421, 1423, 1424, 1425.)

/s/ James T. Pyle  
Acting Administrator

Issued in Washington, D. C., on August 4, 1960.