

[Reg. Docket No. 1921; Amdt. 159-3]

**PART 159—NATIONAL CAPITAL AIRPORTS [NEW]**

**Clarification of Delegation of Authority and Validity of Foreign Drivers' Licenses**

The purpose of this amendment is to change § 159.1(b) of Part 159 [New] of the Federal Aviation Regulations to reflect the delegations presently in force, of authority to issue orders and instructions, and post signs, at airports. The current language of the section does not properly reflect the organizational structure existing today. The change does not affect substance in any manner.

Also included in the amendment is a change to § 159.15(a) to make it clear that that paragraph does not prohibit the operation, on Airport roads at Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport, of a motorized vehicle by a person holding an appropriate foreign operator's license but none issued in the United States. Before its recodification as § 159.15(a) of the Federal Aviation Regulations the language of § 570.23 of the regulations of the Administrator was of a nature that permitted this interpretation. However, § 159.15(a), by substituting the phrase "a political jurisdiction or any agency of the United States" for the phrase "legal political jurisdiction or governmental agency" in former § 570.23, inadvertently produced the impression that a person who holds only a foreign operator's license is now barred from operating a motor vehicle on these Airport roads.

Since this amendment of § 159.15(a) is clarifying in nature and imposes no additional burden on any person, and since the amendment of § 159.1(b) does not involve a substantive rule, notice and public procedure thereon are unnecessary, and the amendments may be made effective immediately.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 159 [New] of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective August 27, 1963, as follows:

1. Paragraph (b) of § 159.1 is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Director and the Assistant Director for Operations of the Bureau of National Capital Airports may issue such orders and instructions as are necessary for administering this part. The Manager of each Airport described in paragraph (a) of this section may post signs at the Airport to which he is assigned which state or apply outstanding rules, regulations, orders or instructions. Each

person on the Airport shall comply with these orders, instructions, and signs.

2. Paragraph (a) of § 159.15 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended to read as follows:

(a) No person may operate any motor vehicle on an Airport road unless he holds a current operator's license issued by a political jurisdiction or governmental agency in the United States or a foreign country.

(Sec. 1301 of Title 7 of the District of Columbia Code, 1961 edition, sec. 2 of the Act of June 29, 1940 (54 Stat. 686), as amended, secs. 4, 8 of the Act of September 7, 1950 (65 Stat. 770), as amended)

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