



FAR PART 21

PART 21 – CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR PRODUCTS AND PARTS

SUBPART H -- AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATES

21.175 Airworthiness Certificates: Classification

1. **Standard airworthiness certificates** are issued for aircraft type certificated in the normal, utility, acrobatic, commuter, or transport category, and for manned free balloons, and for aircraft designated by the Administrator as special classes of aircraft.
2. **Special airworthiness certificates** are primary, restricted, limited, light-sport, and provisional airworthiness certificates, special flight permits, and experimental certificates.

21.181 Duration

1. Airworthiness certificates remain in force as long as maintenance and alteration of the aircraft are performed per FARs.

21.197 Special Flight Permits

1. A special flight permit may be issued for an aircraft that may not currently meet applicable airworthiness requirements but is capable of safe flight, for the following purposes:
 - a. Flying the aircraft to a base where repairs, alterations, or maintenance are to be performed, or to a point of storage.
 - b. Delivering or exporting the aircraft.
 - c. Production flight testing new production aircraft.
 - d. Evacuating aircraft from areas of impending danger.
 - e. Conducting customer demonstration flights in new production aircraft that have satisfactorily completed production flight tests.
2. A special flight permit may also be issued to authorize the operation of an aircraft at a weight in excess of its maximum certificated takeoff weight for flight beyond the normal range over water, or over land areas where adequate landing facilities or appropriate fuel is not available.
 - a. The excess weight that may be allowed is limited to the additional fuel, fuel-carrying facilities, and navigation equipment necessary for the flight.
3. The permit issued is an authorization, including conditions and limitations for flight, which is set forth in the certificate holder's operations specifications.

21.199 Issue of Special Flight Permits

1. An applicant for a special flight permit must submit a statement in a form and manner prescribed by the FAA, indicating
 - a. The purpose of the flight.
 - b. The proposed itinerary.
 - c. The crew required to operate the aircraft and its equipment, e.g., pilot, co-pilot, navigator, etc.
 - d. The ways, if any, in which the aircraft does not comply with the applicable airworthiness requirements.
 - e. Any restriction the applicant considers necessary for safe operation of the aircraft.



- f. Any other information considered necessary by the FAA for the purpose of prescribing operating limitations.
2. The FAA may make, or require the applicant to make appropriate inspections or tests necessary for safety.

