

*Military operations area.* A military operations area (MOA) is airspace established outside Class A airspace to separate or segregate certain nonhazardous military activities from IFR Traffic and to identify for VFR traffic where these activities are conducted.

*Minimum descent altitude (MDA)* is the lowest altitude specified in an instrument approach procedure, expressed in feet above mean sea level, to which descent is authorized on final approach or during circle-to-land maneuvering until the pilot sees the required visual references for the heliport or runway of intended landing.

*Minor alteration* means an alteration other than a major alteration.

*Minor repair* means a repair other than a major repair.

*Model aircraft* means an unmanned aircraft that is:

- (1) Capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere;
- (2) Flown within visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft; and
- (3) Flown for hobby or recreational purposes.

*National defense airspace* means airspace established by a regulation prescribed, or an order issued under, 49 U.S.C. 40103(b)(3).

*Navigable airspace* means airspace at and above the minimum flight altitudes prescribed by or under this chapter, including airspace needed for safe takeoff and landing.

*Night* means the time between the end of evening civil twilight and the beginning of morning civil twilight, as published in the Air Almanac, converted to local time.

*Nonprecision approach procedure* means a standard instrument approach procedure in which no electronic glide slope is provided.

*Operate*, with respect to aircraft, means use, cause to use or authorize to use aircraft, for the purpose (except as provided in §91.13 of this chapter) of air navigation including the piloting of aircraft, with or without the right of legal control (as owner, lessee, or otherwise).

*Operational control*, with respect to a flight, means the exercise of authority over initiating, conducting or terminating a flight.

*Overseas air commerce* means the carriage by aircraft of persons or property for compensation or hire, or the carriage of mail by aircraft, or the operation or navigation of aircraft in the conduct or furtherance of a business or vocation, in commerce between a place in any State of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and any place in a territory or possession of the United States; or between a place in a territory or possession of the United States, and a place in any other territory or possession of the United States.

*Overseas air transportation* means the carriage by aircraft of persons or property as a common carrier for compensation or hire, or the carriage of mail by aircraft, in commerce:

- (1) Between a place in a State or the District of Columbia and a place in a possession of the United States; or
- (2) Between a place in a possession of the United States and a place in another possession of the United States; whether that commerce moves wholly by aircraft or partly by aircraft and partly by other forms of transportation.

*Over-the-top* means above the layer of clouds or other obscuring phenomena forming the ceiling.

*Parachute* means a device used or intended to be used to retard the fall of a body or object through the air.

*Person* means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint-stock association, or governmental entity. It includes a trustee, receiver, assignee, or similar representative of any of them.

*Pilotage* means navigation by visual reference to landmarks.

*Pilot in command* means the person who:

- (1) Has final authority and responsibility for the operation and safety of the flight;
- (2) Has been designated as pilot in command before or during the flight; and
- (3) Holds the appropriate category, class, and type rating, if appropriate, for the conduct of the flight.

*Pitch setting* means the propeller blade setting as determined by the blade angle measured in a manner, and at a radius, specified by the instruction manual for the propeller.