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A recent discussion with FCC representatives in Washington indicated that applications for radio transmitter licenses are being sent in without the required statement of eligibility. In order to comply with FCC Regulations and obtain a license to operate on the soaring frequencies (shared with Flight Test and Flying Schools) the following letter *must* be attached to the original application:

"This application is being made under the provisions of Part 9, Sub Part Q, Sec. 9.712 of the FCC Rules and Regulations. The radio will be used in the flight instruction program of the Soaring Society of America, Inc., of which the application is a member, for the promotion of safety through in-flight advisories."

Application for aircraft transmitters should be made on FCC Form 404. Mobile ground units require the use of Form 406. Operators permits are obtained by the use of Form 753.

Three frequencies are available for soaring use on the above-mentioned shared basis: 123.1, 123.3, and 123.5 mc. With the advent of multichannel equipment, many SSA members have requested more than one of the above channels on either their aircraft or ground mobile application or both. Unless an explanation substantiating the need for more than one of these channels is attached to the application, the FCC generally grants permission to use only one of the requested frequencies. In the SSA discussion with FCC it was pointed out that the availability of more than one channel could possibly cut down the amount of interference between soaring communications and those conducted for flight tests and Flying School operation. It was also pointed out that sailplanes move from place to place throughout the country and that flight test areas and flying schools are fixed in location and that it would therefore be advisable to have all three channels available so that soaring communications could be moved to a relatively free channel in the event interference was being experienced.

It is recommended that all future license applications indicate, in the space provided, the three above-mentioned frequencies, and that the following explanation for this request be attached to the application:

"Please note that application is being made for 123.1, 123.3, and 123.5 mc. It is understood that authorization is generally granted for the use of only one of these frequencies. However, as soaring operations take place in various parts of the country, considerable interference sometimes arises between soaring and the other users of these channels which are available on a shared basis. In order to

provide communication with the minimum amount of interference, both to other users and to other soaring operations, the applicant feels that it is advisable to have all three frequencies available for use."

The above letters should insure that no difficulty will arise in the future granting of FCC licenses both for sailplanes and mobile units. Incidentally, a 60-day suspension of the proposed license charges has been announced by FCC, and SSA members should get their applications in prior to March 1st if they wish to be certain to avoid the possibility that they will be charged \$10.00 each for the licenses."

Any questions? Please write, John D. Ryan, Chairman, SSA Governmental Rules and Regulations Committee, 8040 Mohave Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

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