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or appliance for which a type certificate has been issued will conform to such certificate, the Administrator shall issue a production certificate authorizing the production of duplicates of such aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, or appliances. The Administrator shall make such inspection and may require such tests of any aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or appliance manufactured under a production certificate as may be necessary to assure manufacture of each unit in conformity with the type certificate or any amendment or modification thereof. The Administrator may prescribe in any such production certificate the duration thereof and such other terms, conditions, and limitations as are required in the interest of safety.

Airworthiness Certificate

(c) The registered owner of any aircraft may file with the Administrator an application for an airworthiness certificate for such aircraft. If the Administrator finds that the aircraft conforms to the type certificate therefor, and, after inspection, that the aircraft is in condition for safe operation, he shall issue an airworthiness certificate. The Administrator may prescribe in such certificate the duration of such certificate, the type of service for which the aircraft may be used, and such other terms, conditions, and limitations as are required in the interest of safety. Each such certificate shall be registered by the Administrator and shall set forth such information as the Administrator may deem advisable. The certificate number, or such other individual designation as may be required by the Administrator, shall be displayed upon each aircraft in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Administrator.

AIR CARRIER OPERATING CERTIFICATES

Power to Issue

SEC. 604. [72 Stat. 778, 49 U.S.C. 1424] (a) The Administrator is empowered to issue air carrier operating certificates and to establish minimum safety standards for the operation of the air carrier to whom any such certificate is issued.

Issuance

(b) Any person desiring to operate as an air carrier may file with the Administrator an application for an air carrier operating certificate. If the Administrator finds, after investigation, that such person is properly and adequately equipped and able to conduct a safe operation in accordance with the requirements of this Act and the rules, regulations, and standards prescribed thereunder, he shall issue an air carrier operating certificate to such person. Each air carrier operating certificate shall prescribe such terms, conditions, and limitations as are reasonably necessary to assure safety in air transportation, and shall specify the points to and from which, and the Federal airways over which, such person is authorized to operate as an air carrier under an air carrier operating certificate.