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TOPIC: CLARIFICATION: PART 139.323, TRAFFIC AND WIND INDICATORS

Under 14 CFR part 139.323, **Traffic and wind direction indicators**, certificate holders must provide a segmented circle around one wind cone and a landing strip and traffic pattern indicator for each runway with a right-hand traffic pattern, when air carrier operations occur during that time when no control tower is operating.

Several questions have arisen over the need for the segmented circle, providing an opportunity to review this section of the regulation and to clarify the wording and to focus on the importance of providing information about non-standard conditions.

Therefore, part 139.323 (b) is applied only to non-standard or right-hand traffic patterns at certificated airports. If an airport has all standard (left-hand) traffic patterns, the segmented circle is not required. An airport, at which a right-hand traffic pattern exists and either has or anticipates having an air carrier operation(s) after the ATCT closes, must have a segmented circle with a clearly identifiable indication as to the runway and the pattern.

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