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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-AAL-3]

RIN 2120-AA66

Realignment of Colored Federal Airway; Alaska

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies three Colored Federal Airways, Green 10 (G-10), Green 12 (G-12), and Red 99 (R-99), located in Offshore Airspace Area 1234L, Alaska (AK). The FAA is taking this action to raise the floors of the airways to be consistent with the 2,000-foot above ground level (AGL) floor of Offshore Control Area 1234L.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, August 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken McElroy, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 23, 1998, the FAA proposed to amend 14 CFR part 71 (part 71) to modify three Colored Federal Airways, G-10, G-12, and R-99, by raising the floors of the airways to be consistent with the 2,000-foot above ground level (AGL) floor of Offshore Control Area 1234L, AK (63 FR 6633). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments objecting to the proposal were received. Except for editorial changes, this amendment is the same as that proposed in the notice.

Colored Federal airways are published in paragraph 6009 of FAA Order 7400.9E dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The colored Federal airway listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This action amends part 71 by modifying three Colored Federal Airways, G-10, G-12, and R-99, located in Offshore Airspace Area 1234L, K. Specifically, this action raises the floor of Colored Federal Airways G-10, G-12, and R-99 to be consistent with the 2,000-foot above ground level (AGL) floor of Offshore Control Area 1234L.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6009(a) Green Federal Airways

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G-10

From Cape Newenham, AK, NDB; 20 AGL St. Paul Island, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Elfee, AK, NDB; 20 AGL INT Elfee NDB 041° and Port Heiden, AK, NDB 248° bearings; 20 AGL Port

Heiden NDB; 67 miles 12 AGL, 77 miles 85 MSL, 67 miles 12 AGL, Woody Island, AK, NDB; to Kachemak, NDB.

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G-12

From Saldo, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Port Heiden, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Borland, AK, NDB; 20 AGL to Elfee, AK, NDB.

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Paragraph 6009(b) Red Federal Airways

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R-99

From St. Paul Island, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Dutch Harbor, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Saldo, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Iliamna, AK, NDB; INT Iliamna NDB 124° and Kachemak, AK, NDB 269° bearings; to Kachemak.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Airspace Docket No. 98-AWP-13]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment to Time of Designation for Restricted Areas; California

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action reduces the times of designation for Restricted Areas 2534A and 2534B (R-2534A and R-2534B), Vandenberg AFB, California (CA). The FAA is taking this action in response to a request from the United States Air Force (USAF) to more accurately reflect the actual times of use for these restricted areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, August 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken McElroy, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

As a result of a review of restricted area activity, the USAF requested the FAA to change the times of operation for R-2534A and R-2534B, Vandenberg AFB, CA, to more accurately reflect

actual use. This is an administrative change and does not affect the boundaries, designated altitudes, or activities conducted within the restricted areas.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 73 changes the times of designation for R-2534A and R-2534B, Vandenberg AFB, CA, from "continuous" to "intermittent by Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) at least 4 hours in advance." The FAA is taking this action in response to written notification from the using agency that a reduction in the times of use for the restricted areas is appropriate. As the solicitation of comments would not offer any meaningful right or benefit to any segment of the public, notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary.

The FAA has determined that this action only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This action reduces the time of designation for restricted areas. In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1D, "Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts," this action is not subject to environmental assessments and procedures and the National Environmental Policy Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 73.25 [Amended]

§ 73.25 is amended as follows:

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R-2534A Vandenberg AFB, CA [Amended]

By removing "Time of designation. Continuous," and inserting "Time of designation. Intermittent by NOTAM at least 4 hours in advance."

R-2534B Vandenberg AFB, CA [Amended]

By removing "Time of designation. Continuous," and inserting "Time of designation. Intermittent by NOTAM at least 4 hours in advance."

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Airspace Docket No. 98–AEA–3]

RIN 2120–AA66

Alteration of Restricted Areas; New Jersey and New York

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the titles of the using agencies for Restricted Areas R-5002A, R-5002B, R-5002C, R-5002D, and R-5002E Warren Grove, NJ; and R-5203 Oswego, NY. This is an administrative change to reflect organizational name changes that resulted from Department of Defense realignment actions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, August 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Gallant, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267–8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

As a result of decisions by the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission, the titles of a number of military units have been changed. These changes affect the units designated as using agencies for Restricted Areas R-

5002A, R-5002B, R-5002C, R-5002D, and R-5002E Warren Grove, NJ; and R-5203 Oswego, NY. This action amends the using agency titles to reflect the current organizational name changes.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 73 (part 73) changes the using agency organizational names for R-5002A, R-5002B, R-5002C, R-5002D, and R-5002E Warren Grove, NJ; and R-5203 Oswego, NY. This administrative change will not alter the boundaries, altitudes, time of designation, or activities conducted within the affected restricted areas; therefore, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal.

Sections 73.50 and 73.52 of 14 CFR part 73 were republished in FAA Order 7400.8E, dated November 7, 1997.

Environmental Review

This action is a minor administrative change to amend the titles of designated using agencies for existing restricted areas. There are no changes to air traffic control procedures or routes, or the use of the restricted areas as a result of this action. Therefore, this action is not subject to environmental assessments and procedures in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1D, "Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts," and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1989.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 73, as follows:

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.