# PART 760—INDEMNITY PAYMENT PROGRAMS

# Subpart—Dairy Indemnity Payment Program

The authority citation for Subpart— Dairy Indemnity Payment Program is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** Dairy Indemnity Program, Pub. L. 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681 and Pub. L. 106–78, 113 Stat. 1135.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 17, 1999.

### Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.
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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

### 14 CFR Part 91

[Docket No. 29317; Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 82]

### RIN 2120-AG67

## Removal of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Territory and Airspace of Sudan

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Final rule; removal.

**SUMMARY:** This action removes Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 82, which prohibits flight operations within the territory and airspace of Sudan by any United States air carrier or commercial operator, by any person exercising the privileges of an airman certificate issued by the FAA, or by an operator using an aircraft registered in the United States unless the operator of such aircraft is a foreign air carrier. This action is taken in response to the decrease in the tensions that followed U.S. military strikes against terrorist and industrial facilities associated with Usama Bin Ladin in Sudan and Afghanistan, which has reduced the threat of hostile actions against persons and aircraft engaged in flight operations within Sudan's territory and airspace.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 24, 1999.

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and application of the law to specific
sets of facts supplied by a small entity.

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## **Background**

On August 20, 1998, the U.S. military conducted strikes against terrorist and industrial facilities associated with Usama Bin Ladin in Sudan and Afghanistan. As a result of the strike,

the FAA determined that a hostile reaction from armed elements in Sudan was possible, and that the safe overflight of Sudanese territory could not be guaranteed. Accordingly, the FAA issued a final rule prohibiting certain aircraft operations within the territory and airspace of Sudan on August 21, 1998. SFAR 82 prohibits flight operations within the territory and airspace of Sudan by any United States air carrier or commercial operator, by any person exercising the privileges of an airman certificate issued by the FAA, or by an operator using an aircraft registered in the United States unless the operator of such aircraft is a foreign air carrier. The FAA imposed the flight prohibition in the exercise of its statutory responsibility for the safety of U.S.-registered aircraft and U.S. operators.

The FAA has since determined that tensions with Sudan have decreased, which has reduced the potential threat of hostile actions against persons and aircraft engaged in flight operations within Sudan's territory and airspace. Sudan has an extremely limited capability to target overflying aircraft and has expressed no intent to target civil aircraft within its airspace. There now appears to be no heightened threat to civil aviation within the territory and airspace of Sudan.

## **Regulatory Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this action is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866, nor is it considered a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979). Because this amendment removes a restriction that is no longer appropriate, the FAA finds that this final rule may be issued without public comment and may be made effective immediately. The FAA also certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Therefore, on the basis of the foregoing information, I have determined that the immediate removal of SFAR 82 from 14 CFR Part 91 is appropriate. The Department of State has been advised of, and has no objection to, the action taken herein.

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 91

Air traffic control, Aircraft, Airmen, Airports, Aviation safety, Freight, Sudan.

#### The Amendment

For the reasons set forth above, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 91 by removing SFAR 82 as follows:

# PART 91—GENERAL OPERATING AND FLIGHT RULES

1. The authority citation for part 91 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 USC 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120, 44101, 44111, 44701, 44709, 44711, 44712, 44715, 44716, 44717, 44722, 46306, 46315, 46316, 46502, 46504, 46506–46507, 47122, 47508, 47528–47531.

2. Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 82 is removed.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 17, 1999.

#### Jane F. Garvey,

Administrator.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **Federal Aviation Administration**

## 14 CFR Part 95

[Docket No. 29844; Amdt. No. 419]

# IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts miscellaneous amendments to the required IFR (instrument flight rules) altitudes and changeover points for certain Federal airways, jet routes, or direct routes for which a minimum or maximum en route authorized IFR altitude is prescribed. This regulatory action is needed because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System. These changes are designed to provide for the safe and efficient use of

the navigable airspace under instrument conditions in the affected areas.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, December 30, 1999.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment to part 95 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 95) amends, suspends, or revokes IFR altitudes governing the operation of all aircraft in flight over a specified route or any portion of that route, as well as the changeover points (COPs) for Federal airways, jet routes, or direct routes as prescribed in part 95.

### The Rule

The specified IFR altitudes, when used in conjunction with the prescribed changeover points for those routes, ensure navigation aid coverage that is adequate for safe flight operations and free of frequency interference. The reasons and circumstances that create the need for this amendment involve matters of flight safety and operational efficiency in the National Airspace System, are related to published aeronautical charts that are essential to the user, and provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. In addition, those various reasons or circumstances required making this amendment effective before the next scheduled charting and publication date of the flight information to assure its timely availability to the user. The effective date of this amendment reflects those considerations. In view of the close and immediate relationship between these regulatory changes and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure before adopting this amendment are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and that good cause exists for making the amendment effective in less than 30 days.

### Conclusion

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. It, therefore—(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. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment 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 95

Airspace, Navigation (air).

Issued in Washington, D.C. on November 19, 1999.

#### L. Nicholas Lacey,

Director, Flight Standards Service.

## Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, part 95 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 95) is amended as follows effective at 0901 UTC:

## PART 95—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 95 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44719, 44721.

2. Part 95 is amended to read as follows:

### REVISIONS TO IFR ALTITUDES AND CHANGEOVER POINTS

[Amendment 419: Effective Date: December 30, 1999]

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