

(c) Thereafter, before each hoist operation, perform the end-of-travel procedure as follows:

(1) With approximately 3m of cable remaining before the hook assembly reaches the up-limit switch operating lever (upper end of red-painted cable), reduce the cable speed to approximately one-third of the normal speed with the control knob. Release the control knob to the neutral position to stop the hook at a distance approximately 0.8m from the hoist up-limit switch operating lever (lower end of red-painted cable). Continue controlling the cable speed by exclusive use of the control on the pendant, making short and repetitive inputs until the hook reaches a position with 5 to 10 centimeters (2 to 4 inches) between the upper plate of the hook assembly and the up-limit switch operating lever. After stopping the cable at that point, place the hook against the up-limit switch operating lever. The procedure required by this paragraph may be accomplished by an owner/operator (pilot) holding at least a private pilot certificate, and must be entered into the aircraft records showing compliance with this paragraph in accordance with sections 43.11 and 91.417(a)(2)(v) of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

(2) If the hook comes fully home at an uncontrolled speed, or the hoist exhibits uncontrolled speed variation or absence of automatic speed reduction, remove the hoist assembly (hoist and control box) and replace it with an airworthy hoist assembly before any further hoist operation.

(d) Installation of an electronic control box, P/N 61148-016 or P/N 61148-012, as applicable, with installation of a hoist, P/N 76375-060, 76375-160, 76378-060, or 76378-160, is a terminating action for the requirements of this AD.

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Rotorcraft Standards Staff.

**Note 3:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Rotorcraft Standards Staff.

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the helicopter to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

**Note 4:** The subject of this AD is addressed in Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (France) AD 94-116(AB)R1, dated May 21, 1997.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 3, 1998.

**Henry A. Armstrong,**

*Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ASO-2]

#### Proposed Amendment to Class D and Proposed Removal of Class E Airspace; Atlanta, GA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to amend Class D and remove Class E airspace at Atlanta, GA, for the Fulton County Airport-Brown Field. The control tower at Fulton County Airport-Brown Field is now open 24 hours a day. Therefore, the Class D airspace would be amended from part time to continuous. Additionally, the current Class E surface airspace that is effective when the control tower closes is no longer necessary and can be removed.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 11, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 98-ASO-2, Manager, Airspace Branch, ASO-520, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, telephone (404) 305-5586.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy B. Shelton, Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305-5586.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify the airspace docket and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments

on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 98-ASO-2." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

##### Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Manager, Airspace Branch, ASO-520, Air Traffic Division, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A which describes the application procedure.

##### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to amend Class D and remove Class E airspace at Atlanta, GA, for the Fulton County Airport-Brown Field. The control tower at Fulton County Airport-Brown Field is now open 24 hours a day. Therefore, the Class D airspace would be amended from part time to continuous. Additionally, the current Class E surface airspace that is effective when the control tower closes is no longer necessary and can be removed. Class D airspace designations and Class E airspace areas designated as a surface area for an airport are published in Paragraphs 5000 and 6002 respectively 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 Class D and Class E airspace designations listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed 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 16, 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).

#### The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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 14 CFR 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 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 5000 Class D airspace*

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#### ASO GA D Atlanta, GA [Revised]

Atlanta, Fulton County Airport-Brown Field, GA

(Lat. 33°46'45" N, long. 84°31'17" W)

Dobbins ARB

(Lat. 33°54'54" N, long. 84°31'00" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,300 feet MSL within a 4-mile radius Fulton County Airport-Brown Field; excluding the portion north of a line connecting the 2 points of intersection with a 5.5-mile radius circle centered on Dobbins ARB.

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*Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace area designated as a surface area for an airport*

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#### ASO GA E2 Atlanta, GA [Removed]

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Issued in College Park, Georgia, on March 5, 1998.

**Wade T. Carpenter,**

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Southern Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98–ASO–4]

#### Proposed Amendment to Class D Airspace; MacDill AFB, FL

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to amend Class D airspace at MacDill AFB, FL. The control tower at MacDill AFB is now open 24 hours a day. Therefore, the Class D airspace would be amended from part time to continuous.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 11, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 98–ASO–4, Manager, Airspace Branch, ASO–520, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, telephone (404) 305–5586.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy B. Shelton, Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305–5586.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify the

airspace docket and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 98–ASO–4." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

#### Availability of NPRMs

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#### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to amend Class D airspace at MacDill AFB, FL. The control tower at MacDill AFB is now open 24 hours a day. Therefore, the Class D airspace would be amended from part time to continuous. Class D airspace designations are published in Paragraph 5000 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 Class D airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed 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