

it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (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) 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. A final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

#### Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

#### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

##### § 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

##### AD 98-14-01 Eurocopter France:

Amendment 39-10635. Docket No. 97-SW-25-AD.

**Applicability:** Model AS-350B, BA, B1, B2, and D, and Model AS-355E, F, F1, F2, and N helicopters, with main gearbox suspension bi-directional cross-beam (cross-beam), part number (P/N) 350A38-1018-all dash numbers, installed, certificated in any category.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each helicopter identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For helicopters that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must use the authority provided in paragraph (e) to request approval from the FAA. This approval may address either no action, if the current configuration eliminates the unsafe condition, or different actions necessary to address the unsafe condition described in this AD. Such a

request should include an assessment of the effect of the changed configuration on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD. In no case does the presence of any modification, alteration, or repair remove any helicopter from the applicability of this AD.

**Compliance:** Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent failure of the cross-beam that could lead to rotation of the main gearbox, resulting in severe vibrations and a subsequent forced landing, accomplish the following:

(a) For cross-beams having 2,000 or more hours time-in-service (TIS) or 10,000 or more operating cycles:

**Note 2:** The Master Service Recommendations and the flight log contain accepted procedures that are used to determine the cumulative operating cycles on the rotorcraft.

(1) Within 30 hours TIS, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 30 hours TIS or 150 operating cycles, visually inspect the cross-beam for cracks in accordance with paragraph 2.B.1) of Eurocopter France Service Bulletin No. 05.00.28, applicable to Model AS-350 helicopters, or Eurocopter France Service Bulletin No. 05.00.29, applicable to Model AS-355 helicopters, both dated May 26, 1997.

(2) If a crack is found as a result of the inspections required by paragraph (a)(1) of this AD, remove the cross-beam and replace it with an airworthy cross-beam.

(b) For cross-beams having 5,000 or more hours TIS:

(1) Within 550 hours TIS or 2,750 operating cycles, whichever occurs first, after compliance with paragraph (a)(1) of this AD, perform a dye-penetrant inspection in accordance with paragraph 2.B.2) of Eurocopter France Service Bulletin No. 05.00.28, applicable to Model AS-350 helicopters, or Eurocopter Service Bulletin No. 05.00.29, applicable to Model AS-355 helicopters, both dated May 26, 1996.

(2) If a crack is found as a result of the inspections required by paragraphs (b)(1) of this AD, remove the cross-beam and replace it with an airworthy cross-beam.

(c) Prior to installing any replacement cross-beams, regardless of TIS, inspect the replacement cross-beam in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this AD.

(d) Accomplishment of the modifications in accordance with paragraph 2.B of the Accomplishment Instructions in Eurocopter Service Bulletin No. 63.00.07, applicable to Model AS-350B, BA, B1, B2, and D helicopters, or Eurocopter Service Bulletin No. 63.00.13, applicable to Model AS-355E, F, F1, F2, and N helicopters, both dated April 7, 1997, constitutes 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, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Rotorcraft Certification Office.

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

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 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.

(g) The inspections and replacements, if necessary, shall be done in accordance with Eurocopter France Service Bulletin No. 05.00.28, applicable to Model AS-350 helicopters, and Eurocopter France Service Bulletin No. 05.00.29, applicable to Model AS-355 helicopters, both dated May 26, 1997. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from American Eurocopter Corporation, 2701 Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75053-4005, telephone (972) 641-3460, fax (972) 641-3527. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(h) This amendment becomes effective on August 3, 1998.

**Note 4:** The subject of this AD is addressed in Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (France) AD 96-156-071(B)R1 and AD 96-155-053(B)R1, both dated June 4, 1997.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 19, 1998.

**Eric Bries,**

*Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-AGL-20]

#### Modification of Class E Airspace; Marion, OH; Correction

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This action corrects one error in the legal description of a final rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on June 5, 1998 (63 FR 30594), Airspace Docket No. 98-AGL-20. The final rule modified Class E Airspace at Marion, OH.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC August 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle M. Behm, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, AGL-520, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East

Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018, telephone: (847) 294-7477.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### History

**Federal Register** Document 98-15039, Airspace Docket No. 98-AGL-20, published on June 5, 1998 (63 FR 30594) rule modified Class E Airspace at Marion, OH. One error was discovered in the legal description for the Class E airspace for Marion, OH. This action corrects that error. Correction to Final Rule.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the legal description for the Class E airspace Marion, OH, as published in the **Federal Register** June 5, 1998 (63 FR 30594), (FR Doc. 98-15039), is corrected as follows:

#### PART 71—[CORRECTED]

##### § 71.1 [Corrected]

AGL OH E5 Marion, OH [Corrected]

On page 30594, Column 3, first line from the top of the column, in the Class E airspace designation for Marion, OH, incorporated by reference in § 71.1, correct the word "Buckyrus" to read "Bucyrus".

Issued in Des Plaines, IL on June 10, 1998.

**David B. Johnson,**

*Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Great Lakes Region.*

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#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

##### 16 CFR Part 5

##### Exemption of Insubstantial Financial Conflicts.

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is amending a Commission Rule to make it consistent with the Office of Government Ethics' regulation establishing regulatory waivers of certain financial conflicts of interest.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This amendment is effective on June 29, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ira S. Kaye, Attorney, Federal Trade Commission, Room 594, 6th Street and Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington DC 20580. 202-326-2426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch ("Standards"), 5 CFR Part 2635, became effective on February 3, 1993, they

superseded most of the Commission's own standards of conduct, 16 CFR Part 5. The Commission rescinded its superseded standards on February 8, 1993. See 58 FR 15763 (March 24, 1993). The Commission retained Rule 5.8 because it had not been superseded by the new Standards, but renumbered it as Rule 5.2.

Rule 5.2(a)-(c) provides the requirements and procedures for seeking a waiver of a financial conflict of interest. In addition, Rule 5.2(d) notes that a financial interest in "[s]tocks and bonds of a diversified mutual fund or investment company" is waived automatically, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208(a), provided that the employee does not own more than one percent of the value of the fund's reported assets.

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics issued a final rule, 5 CFR Part 2640, effective on January 17, 1997, describing a number of additional circumstances under which a financial conflict of interest is waived automatically. For example, an employee may participate in a particular matter, despite holding a financial interest that would be affected by the matter, if the interest arises from the ownership of publicly traded securities and is valued at no more than \$5000. 5 CFR 2640.202(a). Thus, the reference to an automatic waiver in Commission Rule 5.2(d) should be amended to reflect the existence of these additional regulatory waivers.

This rule amendment relates solely to agency practice, and, thus, is not subject to the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), or to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

The amended rule does not involve the "collection of information" as that term is defined by the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"), 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

##### List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 5

Standards of conduct.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Federal Trade Commission amends Title 16, Chapter I, subchapter A, of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

##### PART 5—STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. The authorities citation for Part 5 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 7301; 5 U.S.C. App. (Ethics in Government Act of 1978); 15 U.S.C. 46(g); E.O. 12674, 54 FR 15159, 3 CFR, 1989 Comp. p. 215, as modified by E.O. 12731, 55 FR 42547, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 306, 5 CFR part 2635, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 5.2 is amended by revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

##### § 5.2 Exemption of insubstantial financial conflicts.

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(d) Pursuant to 5 CFR Part 2640, certain financial interests are exempted from the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 208(a) as being too remote to too inconsequential to affect the integrity of an employee's services.

By direction of the Commission.

**Benjamin I. Berman,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

##### 20 CFR Part 402

RIN 0960-AE68

##### Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Final rules.

**SUMMARY:** These rules reflect the changes made by the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments (EFOIA) of 1996 that give the public access to government information and records maintained in an electronic format, provide for expedited processing of certain requests, establish "electronic reading rooms," eliminate an agency backlog of work as a justification for delay in processing requests, require redacted material to be estimated or indicated in an agency's response, and require an agency reference guide on FOIA to be made available.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These rules are effective July 29, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Martorana, Social Insurance Specialist, 3-A-6 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-1745 for information about these rules. For information on eligibility on claiming benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These rules revise our existing regulations to reflect the provisions of Pub. L. 104-231, the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-231 amended 5 U.S.C. 552, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), to provide public access to information in an electronic format, provide for expedited processing of certain requests, establish