- (f) Information related to this AD may be inspected at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
- (g) This amendment revises AD 97–01–01, Amendment 39–9872, which superseded AD 95–20–07, Amendment 39–9386.
- (h) This amendment becomes effective on December 8, 1998.

Appendix to AD 97-01-01 R1; Amendment No. 39-10864; Docket No. 96-CE-09-AD Information to Determine Main Gear Sidebrace Stud Assembly Part Number (P/N)

- —The P/N 95643–00/–01/–02/–03 bracket assembly contains the %16-inch diameter main gear sidebrace stud, P/N 95299–00/–02, and a two-piece bushing, P/N 67026–6
- —The P/N 95643–06/–07/–08/–09 bracket assembly contains the ⁵/s-inch diameter main gear sidebrace stud, P/N 78717–02, and a one-piece bushing, P/N 67026–12.
- —Both the one-piece and the two-piece bushing have a visible portion of the bushing flange, i.e., bushing shoulder.
- —Whether a one-piece or two-piece bushing is installed may be determined by measuring the outside diameter of the bushing flange with a micrometer (jaws of the caliper must be 3/32-inch or less). The two-piece bushing will have an outside diameter of 1.00 inch and the one-piece bushing will have an outside diameter of 1.128 to 1.130 inches. This measurement is not valid for the following airplanes:

Model	Serial numbers
PA- 28R- 180.	28R-30004 through 28-31270.
PA- 28R- 200.	28R-35001 through 28R-35820, and 28R-7135001 through 28R- 7135062.

The main gear sidebrace studs on these airplanes will require removal to determine the P/N installed.

- —The one-piece bushing contains a visible chamfer in the center of the bushing, and the chamfer in the two-piece bushing is not visible when the stud is installed.
- —If P/N 95643–00/–01/–02/–03 bracket assembly is installed or the above information cannot be utilized, the main gear sidebrace stud will need to be removed from the bracket to determine the shank diameter and main gear sidebrace stud P/N.
- —P/N 95299–00 and P/N 95299–02 main gear sidebrace studs are ⁹/₁₆-inch in diameter.
- —P/N 78717–00 main gear sidebrace studs are ⁵/₈-inch in diameter.
- —P/N 95643-00/-01/-02/-03 bracket assembly may have been modified to accommodate the 5%-inch diameter main gear sidebrace stud, P/N 78717-02.
- —The embossed number of 95363 on the bracket forging is not the bracket assembly P/N.
- —The bracket assemblies identified with casting number 67073–2 or 67073–3 contain a %16-inch diameter main gear

- sidebrace stud, P/N 67543, and two-piece bushing, P/N 67026–2 and 67026–3.
- —Model PA–28R–180 airplanes, serial numbers 28R–30004 through 28R–31270; and Model PA–28R–200 airplanes, serial numbers 28R–35001 through 28R–35820 and 28R–7135001 through 28R–7135062, are equipped from the factory with bracket assemblies identified with casting number 67073–2 and 67073–3.
- -P/N 67543 main gear sidebrace studs are $\frac{9}{16}$ -inch in diameter.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 22, 1998.

Michael Gallagher,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 95

[Docket No. 29371; Amdt. No. 412]

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 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald P. Pate, Flight Procedure Standards Branch (AMCAFS–420), Flight Technologies and Programs Division, Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK. 73169 (Mail Address: P.O. Box 25082 Oklahoma City, OK. 73125) telephone: (405) 954–4164.

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 require 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 a safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure before adopting this amendment are impracticable and contrary to the 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. 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 "significiant 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 October 22, 1998.

Richard O. Gordon,

Acting 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.
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:

PART 95—[AMENDED]

REVISIONS TO MINIMUM ENROUTE IFR ALTITUDES AND CHANGEOVER POINTS

[Amendment 412 Effective Date, December 3, 1998]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Federal Highway Administration

23 CFR Part 1240

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-4494]

RIN 2127-AH38

Safety Incentive Grants for Use of Seat Belts—Allocations Based on State Seat Belt Use Rates

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Interim final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This interim final rule establishes procedures for determining allocations of funds under a new Federal grant program. Section 157 of title 23, United States Code, directs the Secretary of Transportation to allocate funds to States whose seat belt use rates meet certain requirements. Allocations are to be based on savings in medical costs to the Federal Government due to seat belt use rates that meet the requirements. In order to allocate the funds, the Secretary must determine which States have seat belt use rates that meet the requirements and the amount of medical savings to the Federal Government attributable to each such State's seat belt use rate. This document sets forth the requirements that govern allocations of funds under this program.

Comments concerning this document are due no later than January 29, 1999. ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number set forth above and be submitted in writing to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. (Docket hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.)

DATES: This interim final rule is

effective on October 29, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The following persons at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590—In NHTSA: Joan Catherine Tetrault, State and Community Services, NSC-01, (202) 366-2121; John Donaldson, Office of the Chief Counsel,

NCC-30, (202) 366-1834. In FHWA: Byron E. Dover, Office of Highway Safety, HHS-10, (202) 366-2161; Raymond W. Cuprill, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-20, (202) 366-0834. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Section 1403 of the recently enacted Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Pub. L. 105-178) added a new Section 157 to title 23 of the United States Code (replacing a predecessor Section 157). The new section (hereafter Section 157) authorizes a State seat belt incentive grant program covering FYs 1999 through 2003. Under this program, the Secretary of Transportation is directed to allocate funds each fiscal year to States that achieve a seat belt use rate that exceeds, for the past two years. the national average seat belt use rate, or that exceeds the highest seat belt use rate achieved by the State in certain designated previous years. The allocated funds are to reflect the amount of savings in medical costs to the Federal Government, based on the seat belt use rates. States may use these allocated funds for any projects eligible for assistance under title 23, United States Code. (Section 157 provides for the further distribution of funds, if any funds remain unallocated after the required allocations related to seat belt use rates are made, but today's action does not address those provisions.)

Today's interim final rule sets forth the requirements and procedures that will apply to the allocation of funds based on seat belt use rates. The Secretary's authority to administer the program has been delegated to NHTSA and FHWA. Consequently, this interim final rule is being issued jointly by the two agencies (hereafter, the agencies).

B. General

Section 157 requires the Secretary to allocate funds, starting in FY 1999, to States that achieve certain seat belt use rates. A State can satisfy the requirement by meeting one of two conditions: First, if the State's seat belt use rate in each of the preceding two calendar years exceeded the national average seat belt use rate for those years; and second, if the State's seat belt use rate in the previous calendar year exceeded its "base seat belt use rate." The base seat belt use rate is defined as the State's highest seat belt use rate for any calendar year during the period of 1996 through the calendar year preceding the previous calendar year. (For example, for allocations made in FY 2000 (on or about October 1, 1999), the base seat belt use rate would be the State's highest seat belt use rate during

the period from calendar year 1996 through calendar year 1997.) Section 157 further provides that a State may receive an allocation under the second condition only if it fails to meet the first condition. Hence, if a State meets both conditions, it may not receive an allocation under both conditions, and it may not receive an allocation under the second condition. It must receive an allocation under the first condition.

A State that meets the first condition described above is to receive an allocation of funds that reflects the ''savings to the Federal Government'' due to the amount by which the State seat belt use rate for the previous calendar year exceeds the national average seat belt use rate for that year. A State that meets the second condition (and not the first condition) is to receive an allocation that reflects the "savings to the Federal Government" due to the amount by which the State seat belt use for the previous calendar year exceeds the State's base seat belt use rate. Section 157 defines "savings to the Federal Government" as "the amount of Federal budget savings relating to Federal medical costs (including savings under the medicare and medicaid programs under titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.)), as determined by the Secretary.'

In order to determine whether a State is eligible for an allocation of funds during each fiscal year, based on the above-described requirements, NHTSA must obtain and evaluate State seat belt use rate information from two contiguous calendar years. Specifically, to make the determinations necessary to allocate funds in FY 1999, Section 157 requires the use of seat belt use rate information submitted by the States for calendar years 1996 and 1997. Section 157 provides that this information is to be weighted by the Secretary to ensure national consistency in methods of measurement. The determinations necessary to allocate funds in FY 2000 and thereafter require the use of seat belt use rate information for calendar year 1998 and beyond, and are subject to different requirements. (For FY 2000 allocations only, calendar year 1997 seat belt use rate information is still required, along with the calendar year 1998 information, and the 1997 information is subject to the abovedescribed weighting procedure.) Specifically, beginning in calendar year 1998, Section 157 requires States to measure seat belt use rates following criteria established by the Secretary, to ensure that the measurements are "accurate and representative." In accordance with this latter mandate,