

inspecting the vertical stabilizer spar in the area of the lower fitting of the rudder for cracks, loose rivets, or spar web distortion; and modifying the vertical stabilizer spar either immediately or at a certain time period depending on whether discrepancies are found during the inspections.

Accomplishment of the proposed inspections would be required in accordance with Avions Pierre Robin Service Bulletin No. 120, dated September 27, 1990. The modification will be required in accordance with the instructions included with Avions Pierre Robin Kit No. 97.40.03, as specified in Avions Pierre Robin Service Bulletin No. 120, dated September 27, 1990.

Cost Impact

The FAA estimates that 10 airplanes in the U.S. registry would be affected by the proposed AD, that it would take approximately 20 workhours per airplane to accomplish the proposed action, and that the average labor rate is approximately \$60 an hour. Parts cost approximately \$100 per airplane. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$13,000, or \$1,300 per airplane.

Regulatory Impact

The regulations proposed herein would not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this proposal would 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) if promulgated, 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 copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action has been placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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 (AD) to read as follows:

Avions Pierre Robin: Docket No. 98–CE–82–AD.

Applicability: Model R2160 airplanes, all serial numbers, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane 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 airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (f) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated in the body of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To detect defects (cracks, loose rivets, or spar web distortion) in the vertical stabilizer spar, which could result in structural failure of the vertical stabilizer with possible reduced or loss of control of the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Within the next 50 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 100 hours TIS until the modification required by paragraph (b) of this AD is incorporated, inspect the vertical stabilizer spar in the area of the lower fitting of the rudder for cracks, loose rivets, or spar web distortion. Accomplish this inspection in accordance with the instructions in Avions Pierre Robin Service Bulletin No. 120, dated September 27, 1990.

(b) At whichever of the compliance times in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this AD that occurs first, modify the vertical stabilizer spar by incorporating Avions Pierre Robin Kit No. 97.40.03 in accordance with the instructions to this kit, as specified in Avions Pierre Robin Service Bulletin No. 120, dated September 27, 1990.

(1) Prior to further flight if cracks, loose rivets, or spar web distortion are/is found during any inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD; or

(2) Within the next 12 calendar months after the effective date of this AD.

(c) Modifying the vertical stabilizer spar as specified in paragraph (b) of this AD is considered terminating action for the repetitive inspection requirement of this AD.

(d) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install, on any affected airplane, a vertical stabilizer spar that has not been modified as specified in paragraph (b) of this AD.

(e) 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 airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(f) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance times that provides an equivalent level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. The request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Small Airplane Directorate.

(g) Questions or technical information related to the service information referenced in this AD should be directed to Avions Pierre Robin, 1 route de Troyes 21121 Darois, France; telephone: 03.80.44.20.50; facsimile: 03.80.35.60.80. This service information may be examined at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in French AD 90–224(A), dated December 12, 1990.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 12, 1999.

Larry E. Werth,

Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98–AGL–78]

Proposed Modification of Class E Airspace; Yankton, SD

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to modify Class E airspace at Yankton, SD. This action would amend the effective hours of the Class E surface area from one (1) hour per day to twenty-four (24)

hours per day to accommodate regular air carrier operations that occur outside the current times of operation of the surface area. The purpose of this action is to afford an increased level of safety during instrument flight operations for the commercial air carrier operations at the Chan Gurney Municipal Airport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, AGL-7, Rules Docket No. 98-AGL-78, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle M. Behm, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, AGL-520, Federal Aviation Administration, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, telephone (847) 294-7568.

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 number 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-AGL-78." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or 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 comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Rules Docket, FAA, Great Lakes Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 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 NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Public Affairs, Attention: Public Inquiry Center, APA-230, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-3484. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's 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 14 CFR part 71 to modify Class E airspace at Yankton, SD, by amending the effective hours of the surface area from one (1) hour per day to twenty-four (24) hours per day. Controlled airspace extending upward from the surface is needed to contain aircraft executing instrument approach procedures. The area would be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts. Class E airspace areas designated as a surface area for an airport are published in paragraph 6002 of FAA Order 7400.9F dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E 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. Therefore this, proposed 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 proposed rule 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

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 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 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 7400.9F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is amended as follows:

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

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AGL SD E2 Yankton, SD [Revised]

Yankton, Chan Gurney Municipal Airport, SD

(Lat. 42° 55' 00"N., long. 97° 23' 09"W.)

Yankton VOR/DME

(Lat. 42° 55' 06"N., long. 97° 23' 06"W.)

Within a 4.1-mile radius of the Chan Gurney Municipal Airport, and within 2.4 miles each side of the Yankton VOR/DME 319° radial extending from the 4.1-mile radius to 7.4 miles northwest of the VOR/DME and within 2.4 miles southwest of the Yankton VOR/DME 145° radial and 2.8 miles northeast of the Yankton VOR/DME 145° radial extending from the 4.1-mile radius to 7.4 miles southeast of the VOR/DME.

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Michelle M. Behm,

Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division.

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