otherwise 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 (g) 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, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent failure of the flight idle backup system, which, in the event of failure of the primary propeller control system, could lead to uncommanded movement of the pitch of the propeller blade to below flight idle and into reverse thrust during flight, and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane, accomplish the following:

#### Flight Idle Backup Test

- (a) Prior to the accumulation of 3,000 total flight hours, or within 3 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, perform a test of the flight idle backup system of the propeller control system in accordance with Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB–328–76–024, Revision 1, dated August 5, 1998. If any discrepancy is detected, prior to further flight, accomplish the actions required by either paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this AD. Repeat the test thereafter at intervals not to exceed 1 day until accomplishment of the requirements of paragraph (c), (d), (e), or (f), as applicable.
- (1) Repair in accordance with a method approved by either the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate; or the Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA) (or its delegated agent). Or
- (2) Accomplish the inspection required by paragraph (b) of this AD, and the applicable follow-on corrective actions required by paragraph (c), (d), or (e) of the AD; AND, if Type C wear is found during the inspection required by paragraph (b), prior to further flight, adjust or calibrate the power lever microswitches in accordance with Dornier Airplane Maintenance Manual JIC 76–11–05–820–000.

# Inspection of Cam Followers of Power Lever Rods

- (b) Prior to the accumulation of 3,000 total flight hours, or within 7 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, perform a detailed visual inspection to determine the level of wear of the pins and bushings of the cam followers of the power lever rods of the engine controls, in accordance with Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB–328–76–024, Revision 1, dated August 5, 1998. Classify the level of wear for each power lever rod as specified in paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(2), and (b)(3) and accomplish the requirements of paragraph (c), (d), or (e) of this AD, as applicable, at the times specified in that paragraph.
- (1) Type A wear: The bushing is worn such that the pin is visible in one or more locations.

- (2) Type B wear: The bushing is worn, but the pin is not visible.
  - (3) Type C wear: The bushing is not worn.

#### **Corrective Actions**

- (c) For power lever rods on which Type A wear is detected during the inspection required by paragraph (b) of this AD: Within 900 flight hours after accomplishment of that inspection, accomplish the requirements of paragraph (c)(1) or (c)(2) of this AD in accordance with Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB-328-76-024, Revision 1, dated August 5, 1998. Accomplishment of paragraph (c)(1) or (c)(2) terminates the tests required by paragraph (a) of this AD for that power lever rod only.
- (1) Replace the power lever rod with a new power lever rod.
- (2) Replace the pins and bushings with new pins and bushings, and accomplish paragraphs (c)(2)(i) and (c)(2)(ii) of this AD.
- (i) Thereafter, accomplish follow-on inspections and corrective actions (i.e. inspections for wear or looseness of the replaced pins and bushings), at the times and in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of the alert service bulletin; and,
- (ii) Within 900 flight hours after replacement of the pins and bushings, replace the power lever rod with a new power lever rod.
- (d) For power lever rods on which Type B wear is detected during the inspection required by paragraph (b) of this AD: Thereafter, accomplish follow-on inspections and corrective actions at the times and in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB-328-76-024, Revision 1, dated August 5, 1998, until the requirements of paragraph (f) of this AD are accomplished.
- (e) For power lever rods on which Type C wear is detected during the inspection required by paragraph (b) of this AD: Determination of Type C wear terminates the tests required by paragraph (a) of this AD for that power lever rod only. Thereafter, accomplish follow-on inspections and corrective actions at the times and in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB–328–76–024, Revision 1, dated August 5, 1998, until the requirements of paragraph (f) of this AD are accomplished.

## **Terminating Action**

(f) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD: Replace the power lever and condition lever rods of the engine controls with new, improved parts in accordance with Dornier Service Bulletin SB–328–76–268, Revision 1, dated December 9, 1998. Accomplishment of the replacement constitutes terminating action for the requirements of this AD.

**Note 2:** Replacement of the power lever and condition lever rods accomplished prior to the effective date of this AD in accordance with Dornier Service Bulletin SB–328–76–268, dated August 11, 1998, is considered acceptable for compliance with paragraph (f) of this AD.

# **Alternative Methods of Compliance**

(g) 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, International Branch, ANM–116. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116.

**Note 3:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the International Branch, ANM–116.

#### **Special Flight Permits**

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

#### **Incorporation by Reference**

(i) Except as required by paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this AD, the actions shall be done in accordance with Dornier Alert Service Bulletin ASB-328-76-024, Revision 1, dated August 5, 1998; and Dornier Service Bulletin SB-328-76-268, Revision 1, dated December 9, 1998; as applicable. 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 Fairchild Dornier, Dornier Luftfahrt GmbH, P.O. Box 1103, D-82230 Wessling, Germany. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington,

**Note 4:** The subject of this AD is addressed in German airworthiness directive 1998–344/3, dated February 11, 1999.

(j) This amendment becomes effective on May 16, 2000.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 31, 2000.

# Donald L. Riggin,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service. [FR Doc. 00–8517 Filed 4–10–00; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910–13–U

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **Federal Aviation Administration**

### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 00-ACE-1]

# Amendment to Class E Airspace; Creston, IA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Creston, IA. **DATE:** The direct final rule published at 65 FR 5763 is effective on 0901 UTC, June 15, 2000.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, DOT Regional Headquarters Building, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 329-2525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the **Federal** Register on February 7, 2000 (65 FR 5763). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a noncontroversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on June 15, 2000. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

Dated: Issued in Kansas City, MO on March 30, 2000.

## Herman J. Lyons, Jr.

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region. [FR Doc. 00-8963 Filed 4-10-00; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910-13-M

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

## 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 00-ACE-2]

## Amendment to Class E Airspace; Ord, NF

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Ord, NE.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 65 FR 5764 is effective on 0901 UTC, June 15, 2000.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Mumper, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520A, DOT Regional Headquarters Building, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust,

Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 329-2524.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the Federal Register on February 7, 2000 (65 FR 5764). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a noncontroversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on June 15, 2000. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

## 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-55]

## Amendment to Class E Airspace; O'Neill, NE

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule: confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at O'Neill, NE.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 65 FR 5766 is effective on 0901 UTC, June 15, 2000.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Mumper, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520A, DOT Regional Headquarters Building, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 329-2524.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the Federal Register on February 7, 2000 (65 FR 5766). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a noncontroversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse

comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on June 15, 2000. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

## 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 00-ACE-5]

## Amendment to Class E Airspace; Monticello, IA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Monticello, IA.

**DATES:** The direct final rule published at 65 FR 5770 is effective on 0901 UTC, June 15, 2000.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, DOT Regional Headquarters Building, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 329-2525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the Federal Register on February 7, 2000 (65 FR 5770). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a noncontroversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on June 15, 2000. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.