

responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (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.

You can find our regulatory evaluation and the estimated costs of compliance in the AD Docket.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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. The FAA amends 39.13 by adding the following new AD:

2008-23-07 Boeing: Amendment 39-15728. Docket No. FAA-2008-1166; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-179-AD.

Effective Date

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective November 25, 2008.

Affected ADs

(b) This AD is related to AD 2006-13-13, amendment 39-14666; paragraph (a) of AD 2003-03-15 R1, amendment 39-13366; and paragraph (a) of AD 2003-14-08, amendment 39-13227. This AD does not supersede the requirements of AD 2006-13-13, AD 2003-03-15 R1, or AD 2003-14-08.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to all Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, -500, -600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes, certificated in any category.

Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD results from continuing reports that flightcrews have failed to recognize and react properly to the cabin altitude warning horn. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the flightcrew to recognize and react to a valid cabin altitude warning horn, which could result in incapacitation of the flightcrew due to hypoxia (lack of oxygen in body) and consequent loss of airplane control.

Compliance

(e) Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

Revising the Airplane Flight Manual (AFM)

(f) Within 120 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the Limitations Section of the applicable Boeing 737 AFM to include the following statement. This may be done by inserting a copy of this AD into the applicable AFM.

"CABIN ALTITUDE WARNING TAKEOFF BRIEFING (required by AD 2008-23-07)

With the CABIN ALTITUDE and TAKEOFF CONFIG lights not installed, or installed but not activated:

As part of the Takeoff Briefing before engine start for the first flight of the day or following any change of either flightcrew member, the pilot-in-command will ensure the Cabin Altitude Warning indications and procedures are briefed in accordance with the procedures contained in the Normal Procedures section of this manual."

(g) Within 120 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the Normal Procedures Section of the applicable Boeing 737 AFM to include the following statement. This may be done by inserting a copy of this AD into the applicable AFM.

"CABIN ALTITUDE WARNING TAKEOFF BRIEFING (required by AD 2008-23-07)

The following briefing is important to further reduce the risk of flightcrew incapacitation due to hypoxia. Because of the dual purpose of the intermittent cabin altitude/takeoff configuration warning horn, this briefing serves to remind flightcrews that the sounding of the cabin altitude warning horn in flight requires immediate action, beginning with the immediate donning of oxygen masks. Upon completion of the applicable WARNING HORN—CABIN ALTITUDE OR CONFIGURATION non-normal checklist memory items, other alerts and indications on the flight deck (e.g., air/ground sensing system failures, equipment cooling OFF, etc.) may then be addressed.

Memory item cabin altitude warning indications and procedures must be briefed on airplanes in which the CABIN ALTITUDE and TAKEOFF CONFIG lights are not installed, or are installed but not activated. This will be included as an additional item on the Takeoff briefing before engine start for the first flight of the day, or following any change of either flightcrew member.

The briefing must include the following items.

—Whenever the intermittent warning horn sounds in flight:

1. Immediately, don oxygen masks and set regulators to 100%.
2. Establish crew communications.
3. Do the CABIN ALTITUDE WARNING OR RAPID DEPRESSURIZATION checklist.

—Both pilots must verify on the overhead Cabin Altitude Panel that the cabin altitude is stabilized at or below 10,000 feet before removing oxygen masks."

Special Flight Permit

(h) Special flight permits are prohibited.

Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(i)(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, ATTN: Gregg Nesemeier, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM-130S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 917-6479; fax (425) 917-6590; has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO.

Material Incorporated by Reference

(j) None.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on October 24, 2008.

Ali Bahrami,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0453; Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-12]

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Kwethluk, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace at Kwethluk, AK to provide adequate controlled airspace to contain aircraft executing Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs). Two SIAPs are being created for the Kwethluk Airport. This action establishes Class E airspace upward from 700 feet (ft.) and 1,200 ft. above the surface at Kwethluk Airport, Kwethluk, AK.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 0901 UTC, January 15, 2009. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On Tuesday, September 2, 2008, the FAA proposed to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to establish Class E airspace upward from 700 ft. above the surface and from 1,200 ft. above the surface at Kwethluk, AK (73 FR 51252). The action was proposed in order to create Class E airspace sufficient in size to contain aircraft while executing instrument procedures for the Kwethluk Airport. Class E controlled airspace extending upward from 700 ft. and 1,200 ft. above the surface in the Kwethluk Airport area is created by this action.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. The rule is adopted as proposed.

The area will be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1,200 ft. transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9S, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, signed October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 establishes Class E airspace at the Kwethluk Airport, Alaska. This Class E airspace is created to accommodate aircraft executing new instrument procedures, and will be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this rule is to provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the Kwethluk Airport, Kwethluk, Alaska.

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 “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 rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency’s authority.

This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart 1, Section 40103, Sovereignty and use of airspace. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to ensure the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it creates Class E airspace sufficient in size to contain aircraft executing instrument procedures for the Kwethluk Airport and represents the FAA’s continuing effort to safely and efficiently use the navigable airspace.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

■ In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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 7400.9S, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, signed October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 *Class E Airspace Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.*

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Kwethluk, Kwethluk Airport, AK (lat. 60°47′25″ N., long. 161°26′37″ W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of the Kwethluk Airport, AK; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 73-mile radius of the Kwethluk Airport, AK.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2008–0005; Airspace Docket No. 08–AAL–1]

Revision of Class E Airspace; Ruby, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action revises Class E airspace at Ruby, AK to provide adequate controlled airspace to contain aircraft executing Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs). One SIAP is being amended for the Ruby Airport. This action revises existing Class E airspace upward from 700 feet (ft.) and 1,200 ft. above the surface at Ruby Airport, Ruby, AK.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 0901 UTC, January 15, 2009. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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