

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:

Boeing: Docket No. FAA-2008-1239; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-131-AD.

Comments Due Date

(a) We must receive comments by January 12, 2009.

Affected ADs

(b) None.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, 747-400F, 747SR, and 747SP series airplanes, certificated in any category; as identified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2651, dated June 12, 2008.

Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD results from reports of cracks in the radius detail of the upper lobe doublers. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracks in the upper lobe doublers. Such cracks could result in significant degradation of the fuselage structure and reduce its ability to carry flight loads from the vertical stabilizer, which could adversely affect the controllability of the airplane.

Compliance

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

Inspection(s) and Corrective Action

(f) At the applicable times specified in paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2651, dated June 12, 2008, do repetitive external surface high frequency eddy current inspections to detect cracks in the radius detail of the upper lobe doubler on both sides of the airplane, and the applicable corrective action by accomplishing all the applicable actions specified in Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin, except as provided by paragraph (g) of this AD. The applicable corrective action must be done before further flight.

(g) Where Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747-53A2651, dated June 12, 2008, specifies to contact Boeing for repair instructions instead of repairing or replacing any cracked upper lobe doubler in accordance with the service bulletin, this AD requires, before further flight, repairing any cracked upper lobe doubler using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (h) of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(h)(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, ATTN: Ivan

Li, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle ACO, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 917-6437; 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.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair required by this AD, if it is approved by an Authorized Representative for the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Delegation Option Authorization Organization who has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make those findings. For a repair method to be approved, the repair must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on November 16, 2008.

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Assistant Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0987; **Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-19**]

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Corpus Christi, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend Class E airspace for the Corpus Christi, TX, area. Controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate Area Navigation (RNAV) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) at Mustang Beach Airport, Port Aransas, TX; and T.P. McCampbell Airport, Ingleside, TX. Also, Class E airspace around Aransas County Airport, Rockport, TX, and San Jose Island Airport, Rockport, TX, would be incorporated into the Corpus Christi, TX, area Class E airspace. The Rockport, TX, designation is being removed under a separate rulemaking. The FAA is taking this action to enhance the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) aircraft operations in and around the Corpus Christi, TX, airspace area.

DATES: 0901 UTC. Comments must be received on or before January 12, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2008-0987/Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-19, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the ground floor of the building at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Enander, Central Service Area, Operations Support Group, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530; telephone: (817) 222-5582.

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 both docket numbers 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 Docket No. FAA-2008-0987/Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-19." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/

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airspace_amendments/.*

Additionally, any person may obtain a copy of this notice by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, ATA-400, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-8783. Communications must identify both docket numbers for this notice. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking (202) 267-9677, to request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

This action proposes to amend Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), Part 71 by amending the Class E airspace area for IFR operations in the Corpus Christi, TX area. This action would incorporate Aransas County Airport and San Jose Island Airport, Rockport, TX, into the Corpus Christi, TX airspace area. Also, with the addition of RNAV SIAPs at Mustang each Airport, Port Aransas, TX; and T.P. McCampbell Airport, Ingleside, TX controlled airspace 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth is necessary for IFR operations at these airports. The area would be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts.

Class E airspace areas are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9S, dated October 3, 2008, and effective October 31, 2008, 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. 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, when promulgated, 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 U.S. 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 I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends controlled airspace at Corpus Christi, TX.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9S, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated 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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ASW TX E5 Corpus Christi, TX [Amended]

Corpus Christi International Airport, TX (Lat. 27°46'13" N., long. 97°30'04" W.)
Corpus Christi NAS/Truax Field, TX (Lat. 27°41'34" N., long. 97°17'25" W.)
Port Aransas, Mustang Beach Airport, TX (Lat. 27°48'43" N., long. 97°05'20" W.)
Rockport, San Jose Island Airport, TX (Lat. 27°56'40" N., long. 96°59'06" W.)
Rockport, Aransas County Airport, TX (Lat. 28°05'12" N., long. 97°02'41" W.)
Ingleside, T.P. McCampbell Airport, TX (Lat. 27°54'47" N., long. 97°12'41" W.)
Robstown, Nueces County Airport, TX (Lat. 27°46'43" N., long. 97°41'26" W.)
Corpus Christi VORTAC, TX (Lat. 27°54'14" N., long. 97°26'42" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.5 mile

radius of Corpus Christi International Airport and within 1.4 miles each side of the 200° radial of the Corpus Christi VORTAC extending from the 7.5 mile radius to 8.5 miles north of the airport, and within 1.5 miles each side of the 316° bearing from the airport extending from the 7.5 mile radius to 10.1 miles northwest of the airport, and within an 8.8-mile radius of Corpus Christi NAS/Truax Field, and within a 6.3-mile radius of Mustang Beach Airport, and within a 6.4-mile radius of T.P. McCampbell Airport, and within a 6.3-mile radius of Nueces County Airport, and within a 7.6-mile radius of Aransas County Airport, and within a 6.5-mile radius of San Jose Island Airport, and within 8 miles west and 4 miles east of the 327° bearing from the San Jose Island Airport extending from the airport to 20 miles northwest of the airport, and within 8 miles east and 4 miles west of the 147° bearing from the airport extending from the airport to 16 miles southeast of the airport, excluding that portion more than 12 miles from and parallel to the shoreline.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2008-1140; Airspace
Docket No. 08-ASW-24]

Proposed Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Corpus Christi Naval Air Station/Truax Field, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend the geographic coordinates of the Class D and E Airspace areas for Corpus Christi Naval Air Station (NAS)/Truax Field, Corpus Christi, TX. The FAA's National Aeronautical Charting Office is requesting this action to enhance the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) aircraft operations at Corpus Christi NAS/Truax Field.

DATES: 0901 UTC. Comments must be received on or before January 12, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2008-1140/Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-24,