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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 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 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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Adams County Legion Field Airport, WI (lat. 43°57'40" N, long. 89°47'17" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 9.4-mile radius of the Adams County Legion Field Airport, excluding that portion within the Necedah, WI, and New Lisbon, WI, Class E airspace areas.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97–AGL–60]

Modification of Class E Airspace; Cumberland, WI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies Class E airspace at Cumberland, WI. A Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (Rwy) 27 has been developed for Cumberland Municipal Airport. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet above ground level (AGL) is needed to contain aircraft executing the approach. This action adds an extension to the east for the existing controlled airspace.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, April 23, 1998.

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:

History

On Monday, November 10, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend 14 CFR part 71 to modify Class E airspace at Cumberland, WI (62 FR 60460). The proposal was to add controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL to contain aircraft conducting Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations in controlled airspace during portions of the terminal operation and while transiting between the enroute and terminal environments.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments objecting to the proposal were received. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9E dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 modifies Class E airspace at

Cumberland, WI, to accommodate aircraft executing the GPS Rwy 27 SIAP and IFR operations at Cumberland Municipal Airport by adding an extension to the east for the existing controlled airspace. The area will be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts.

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. Therefore, this 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 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).

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In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

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Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet Or more above the surface of the earth.

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AGL WI E5 Cumberland, WI [Revised]

Cumberland Municipal Airport, WI (lat. 45°30'21" N, long. 91°58'52" W.)

Cumberland NDB

(lat. 45°30'33" N, long. 91°58'36" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.4-mile radius of the Cumberland Municipal Airport; and within 2.7 miles each side of the 262° bearing from the Cumberland NDB extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 7.4 miles west of the airport; and within 2.0 miles each side of the 090° bearing from the Cumberland Municipal Airport extending from the 6.4-mile radius to 8.8 miles east of the airport.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Consular Affairs

22 CFR Part 51

[Public Notice 2720]

Passport Procedures—Amendment to Validity of Passports Regulation

AGENCY: Bureau of Consular Affairs, State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends regulations to lower the age of eligibility for a passport valid for 10 years issued on or after February 1, 1998, from 18 years of age to 16 years of age. Specifically, the rule establishes the validity period of a regular passport issued on or after February 1, 1998 to an applicant 16 years of age or older as 10 years from date of issue, and to establish the validity of a regular passport issued on or after February 1, 1998 to an applicant under the age of 16 years for 5 years from date of issue. This is consistent with the Schedule of Fees for Consular Services at section 22.1 in Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as effective February 1, 1998.

DATES: Effective February 1, 1998.

Comments: Although this rule takes effective February 1, 1998, interested persons are invited to submit written Comments on or before March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments to: Director, Office of Passport Policy and Advisory Services, 1111 19th Street, N.W., Suite 260, Washington, D.C. 20524.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon E. Palmer-Royston, Office of Passport Policy and Advisory Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (202) 955-0231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 51.4(b) of the passport regulations in

Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations establishes the period of validity of a regular passport. In this regard, section 217a of Title 22 in the United States Codes provides that “[a] passport shall be valid for a period of ten years from the date of issue, except that the Secretary of State may limit the validity of a passport to a period of less than ten years in an individual case or on a general basis pursuant to regulation”.

This final rule would amend the existing regulation of section 51.4(b) of Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations by reducing the age of an applicant eligible for a passport valid for 10 years from 18 years of age to 16 years of age for a passport issued on or after February 1, 1998. The change will ensure consistency with changes being made effective February 1, 1998, in the Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, 22 CFR 22.1, which establishes the fee for a passport in part on the basis of whether the applicant is under age 16 or is age 16 or over. Under the new Schedule, an applicant age 16 or over will pay the fee associated with a ten-year passport. This reflects a decision by the Department of State, in connection with revising the fee schedule, that applicants ages 16 and 17 should now generally receive passports valid for ten years. The Department of State needs to make a corresponding change to 22 CFR 51.4(b), which otherwise would appear to limit an applicant age 16 or 17 to a five-year passport, even though such a person would be expected under the new fee schedule to pay for a ten-year passport.

The rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and is not a major rule for purposes of advance congressional notification under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. It will not impose information collection requirements under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35. It has been reviewed under E.O. 12988 and been determined to be in compliance therewith. This rule is exempt from review under E.O. 12866 but has been reviewed internally to ensure consistency therewith. This rule does not raise federalism issues under E.O. 12612.

COMMENT PERIOD AND EFFECTIVE DATE: Exception.

The new Period of Validity of a Regular Passport will take effect February 1, 1998. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b) and (d), the Department of State has decided to make this rule effective without a prior public notice and comment period and not to delay the

effective date past February 1. Delaying the effective date would result in an inconsistency between the provisions governing the period of validity of regular passport at section 51.4(b) in Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the changes being made in the Schedule of Fees at sections 22.1 of Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations insofar as it relates to passport fees. Such inconsistency could cause confusion regarding the applicable passport fees and passport services, provided to applicants who are between 16 years of age and 18 years of age. Moreover, it is in the interest of a passport applicant who was previously eligible only for a passport valid for 5 years to become eligible as soon as possible for a passport with a validity of 10 years. This change effectively relieves a restriction on passport validity with respect to applicants ages 16 and 17. Finally, the Schedule of Fees was subject to 30 days notice and comment. The Department of State has concluded that advance notice and comment for the present rule is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest, and that the rule may take effect in less than 30 days from the date of publication.

PART 51—PASSPORTS

1. The authority citation for Part 51 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 211a, 212, 213, 214, 214a, 216, 217a, 2671(d); 31 U.S.C. 9701; sec. 129, Pub. L. 102-138, 105 Stat. 661; E.O. 11295, 36 FR 10603, 3 CFR, 1966-1970 Comp., p. 570.

2. Section 51.4(b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 51.4 Validity of passports.

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(b) Period of validity of a regular passport.

(1) A regular passport issued on or after February 1, 1998, to an applicant 16 years or age or older is valid for 10 years from date of issue unless limited by the Secretary to a shorter period.

(2) A regular passport issued on or after February 1, 1998 to an applicant under the age of 16 years is valid for 5 years from date of issue unless limited by the Secretary of State to a shorter period.

(3) The period of validity of a regular passport issued on or after January 1, 1983, and before February 1, 1998, unless limited by the Secretary of State to a shorter period is: 10 years from date of issue if issued to an applicant age 18 or older; five years from date of issue if issued to an applicant under age 18.