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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bil Nelson, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

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. 96-AAL-14." 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 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 Air Traffic Airspace Management, Attention: Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, 800 Independence Avenue,

SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-8783.

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 proposing an amendment to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Aviation Regulations part 71 (14 CFR part 71) to modify Colored Federal Airway A-15 due to the decommissioning and subsequent removal of the Oliktok, AK, NDB from the NAS by the United States Air Force on July 10, 1996. The FAA is taking this action to redefine Airway A-15 by removing that portion of the route beyond the Put River, AK, NDB. Colored Federal airways are published in paragraph 6009(c) of FAA Order 7400.9D dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Colored Federal airway 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 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, when promulgated, 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

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

PART 71—[AMENDED]

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 the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6009(c)—Amber Federal Airways
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A-15 [Revised]

From Ethelda, BC, Canada, NDB via Nichols, AK, NDB; Sumner Strait, AK, NDB; Coghlan Island, AK, RBN; Haines, AK, RBN; Burwash, YT, Canada, RBN; Nabesna, AK, NDB; to Delta Junction, AK, NDB. From Chena, AK, NDB via Chandalar Lake, AK, NDB; Put River, AK, NDB. The airspace within Canada is excluded (Joins Canadian Jet Route J-502).

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Jeff Griffith,

Program Director for Air Traffic Airspace Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

19 CFR Parts 7, 10, 145, 173, 174, 181, 191

[RIN 1515-AB95]

Drawback

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document extends the period of time within which interested members of the public may submit written comments on proposed amendments to the Customs Regulations regarding drawback for an additional 30 days. The proposed amendments would revise the regulations to implement the extensive and significant changes to the drawback law contained in the Customs modernization portion of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; change some administrative procedures involving manufacturing and unused merchandise drawback; and generally simplify and improve the editorial clarity of the regulations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments (preferably in triplicate) must be submitted to U.S. Customs Service, ATTN: Regulations Branch, Franklin Court, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20229, and may be inspected at the Regulations Branch, 1099 14th Street, NW., Suite 4000, Washington, D.C. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), § 1.4, Treasury Department Regulations (31 CFR 1.4), and § 103.11(b), Customs Regulations (19 CFR 103.11(b)), between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on normal business days at the latter address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Hegland, Office of Regulations and Rulings, (202-482-7040).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Customs published a document in the Federal Register on January 21, 1997 (62 FR 3082), inviting the public to comment on proposed amendments to its regulations regarding drawback. Specifically, the document would revise the regulations to implement the extensive and significant changes to the drawback law contained in the Customs modernization portion of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; change some administrative procedures involving manufacturing and unused merchandise drawback; and generally simplify and improve the editorial clarity of the regulations.

A trade association comprised of many members has submitted a request to extend the period of time for comments on the proposed rule for an additional 30 days (until April 24, 1997), in order to have ample time to disseminate to its membership the proposed regulations, review them, meet to discuss changes, and then to prepare a uniform association position in this regard.

Customs believes under the circumstances that this request has merit. Accordingly, the period of time for the submission of comments is being extended as requested.

Dated: February 26, 1997.

John A. Durant,

Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulations and Rulings.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1910

[Docket No. S-052]

RIN 1218-AB55

Exit Routes (Means of Egress)

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Informal public hearing; reopening of written comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice schedules an informal public hearing regarding the notice of proposed rulemaking which OSHA issued on September 10, 1996 (61 FR 47712), concerning a proposed revision of the Agency's General Industry standards for Means of Egress (Subpart E of Part 1910). This notice also reopens the comment period for written responses to the proposed rule. **DATES:** Notices of intention to appear at the informal public hearing must be postmarked by April 1, 1997. Hearing participants requesting more than 10 minutes for their presentations, and participants who will submit documentary evidence at the hearing, must submit the full text of their testimony and all documentary evidence to the Docket Office, postmarked no later than April 14, 1997. Written comments on the proposed standard must also be postmarked by April 14, 1997. The hearing will be held in Washington, D.C. and is scheduled to begin on April 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments, notices of intention to appear at the informal public hearing, testimony, and documentary evidence are to be submitted in quadruplicate to: Docket Office, Docket S-052; Room N2625; U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. 20210 (Telephone: 202-219-7894).

Written comments, notices of intention to appear, testimony, and all other material related to the development of this proposed standard will be available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, Room N2625, at the above address.

The hearing will be held in C5521, Seminar Room #4, of the U.S. Department of Labor (Frances Perkins Building), 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bonnie Friedman, Office of Information and Consumer Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and

Health Administration, Room N3647; 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210 (202-219-8148, FAX 202-219-5986).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On September 10, 1996, OSHA published a notice in the Federal Register (61 FR 47712) that proposed to revise Subpart E of Part 1910, Means of Egress. The purpose of the proposed revision was to rewrite the existing requirements of Subpart E in plain English so they would be more understandable to employers, employees, and others who use them. The proposal did not intend to change the regulatory obligations of employers or the safety and health protections provided to employees.

Although OSHA recognized that some portions of Subpart E may warrant updating, the Agency did not propose to update the requirements of Subpart E at this time. Instead, the proposal focused on rewriting the existing requirements in order to be easier to read, understand, and use. Toward this goal, the proposal used performance-oriented requirements where possible, reorganized the text to keep subject matter consistent, removed internal inconsistencies, and eliminated duplicate requirements. Additionally, OSHA proposed to change the name of Subpart E from "Means of Egress" to "Exit Routes."

OSHA also proposed two alternative plain English versions of the revision to Subpart E. The first version was organized in the traditional OSHA regulatory format. The second version used a question and answer format. OSHA invited interested parties to comment on the content and effectiveness of the proposed changes and on the plain English version of Subpart E that they preferred. The Agency established a comment period of 60 days for interested parties to submit written comments and to request a hearing on the proposed revision to Subpart E.

II. Response to Proposed Revision of Subpart E

The Agency received a total of 59 written comments in response to the proposed revision of Subpart E. A vast majority of the commenters supported the concept of rewriting the existing requirements of Subpart E in "plain English," even though many of these commenters suggested various means of improving the revision to Subpart E. A large majority of commenters also preferred the "traditional" format rather