

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 96-AWP-6]

RIN 2120-AA66

**Modification to the Saipan Class D Airspace Area; CQ****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action modifies the Saipan, CQ, Class D airspace area. Specifically, this action raises the ceiling of the existing Class D airspace area from 2,500 feet mean sea level (MSL) to 2,700 feet MSL. The FAA is taking this action to enhance safety and better manage air traffic operations into and out of the Saipan International Airport.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, November 6, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William C. 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:****History**

On May 19, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to modify the Saipan Class D airspace area (62 FR 27212). 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. Except for editorial changes, this amendment is the same as that proposed in the notice.

Class D airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000 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 Class D airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

**The Rule**

This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) modifies the Saipan Class D airspace area. Specifically, this action raises the existing ceiling of the Saipan Class D airspace area from 2,500 feet MSL to 2,700 feet MSL. This action provides additional controlled airspace for the instrument approach procedures

into Saipan. The FAA is taking this action to enhance safety and better manage air traffic operations into and out of the Saipan International Airport.

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.

Because these amendments involve, in part, the designation of navigable airspace outside the United States, the Administrator has consulted with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 10854.

**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—[AMENDED]**

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 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 5000—Class D Airspace*

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**AWP CQ D Saipan, CQ [Revised]**

Saipan International Airport (Primary Airport)

(Lat. 15°07′08″ N, long. 145°43′46″ E)

Saipan RBN

(Lat. 15°06′41″ N, long. 145°42′37″ E)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,700 feet MSL within a 4.3-mile radius of Saipan

International Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory, Chart Supplement/Pacific.

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**John S. Walker,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-21]

**Establishment of Class E Airspace; Moorhead, MN****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes Class E airspace at Moorhead, MN. A Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway 30 has been developed for Moorhead 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 creates the controlled airspace required for this SIAP. The intended effect of this action is to provide segregation of aircraft using instrument approach procedures in instrument conditions from other aircraft operating in visual weather conditions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, November 6, 1997.

**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 Friday, June 13, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish Class E airspace at Moorhead, MN (62 FR 32242). The proposal was to add controlled airspace extending upward from 700 to 1200 feet AGL to contain Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations in controlled airspace during portions of the terminal