

12612, it is determined that this proposal would not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (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) if promulgated, 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. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action has been placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

#### The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive (AD) to read as follows:

#### British Aerospace (Operations) Limited: Docket No. 98-CE-03-AD.

**Applicability:** Model B.121 Series 1, 2, and 3 airplanes, all serial numbers, certificated in any category.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

**Compliance:** Required as indicated in the body of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To prevent structural failure of the main spar web area caused by fatigue cracking or separation of the wing from the fuselage caused by corroded attach bolt holes, which could result in loss of control of the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Within the next 100 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, accomplish the following in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions section, Appendix 1, and Appendix 2 of British Aerospace PUP Service Bulletin No. B121/102, Revision No. 1, dated April 16, 1997:

(1) Install an inspection opening and inspect, using eddy current methods, the area at the main spar web for cracks; and

(2) Visually inspect the area of the wing to fuselage attach bolt holes for corrosion.

(b) Within 800 hours TIS after the initial inspection required by paragraph (a), including subparagraphs, of this AD, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 800 hours TIS, reinspect the area of the main spar web as specified in paragraph (a), including all subparagraphs, of this AD.

(c) If any cracks or corrosion damage is found during any inspection required by this AD, prior to further flight, accomplish the following:

(1) Obtain a repair or replacement scheme from the manufacturer through the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, at the address specified in paragraph (e) of this AD; and

(2) Incorporate this scheme and continue to repetitively inspect as required by paragraph (b) of this AD, unless specified differently in the instructions to the repair or replacement scheme.

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the initial or repetitive compliance times that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. The request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate.

**Note 2:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Small Airplane Directorate.

(f) Questions or technical information related to British Aerospace PUP Service Bulletin No. B121/102, Revision No. 1, Issued April 16, 1997, should be directed to British Aerospace (Operations) Limited, British Aerospace Regional Aircraft, Prestwick International Airport, Ayrshire, KA9 2RW, Scotland; telephone: (01292) 479888; facsimile: (01292) 479703. This service information may be examined at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

**Note 3:** The subject of this AD is addressed in British AD 005-10-96, not dated.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 9, 1998.

**Michael Gallagher,**

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-AAL-3]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Proposed Modification of Colored Federal Airways Offshore Airspace Area; AK

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to modify three colored Federal airways, Green 10 (G-10), Green 12 (G-12), and Red 99 (R-99), located in Offshore Airspace Area 1234L, Alaska. The FAA is proposing this action to raise the floors of the airways to be consistent with the 2,000-foot above ground level (AGL) floor of Offshore Control Area 1234L.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 30, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Air Traffic Division, AAL-500, Docket No. 98-AAL-3, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, #14, Anchorage, AK 99533.

The official docket may be examined in the Rules Docket, Office of the Chief Counsel, Room 916, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC, weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Regional Air Traffic Division.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken McElroy, 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. 98-AAL-3." 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

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded, using a modem and suitable communications software, from the FAA regulations section of the Fedworld electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 703-321-3339) or the **Federal Register's** electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 202-512-1661).

Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** web page at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs) for access to recently published rulemaking documents.

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

#### The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 (part 71) to modify three colored Federal airways in Offshore Airspace Area 1234L, AK, by raising the floor of G-10, G-12, and R-99 from 1,200 feet AGL to 2,000 feet AGL. This action is being taken to raise the floors of the airways to be consistent with the 2,000-foot AGL floor of Offshore Control Area 1234L.

Colored Federal airways are published in paragraph 6009 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 colored Federal airways listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

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 proposed 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—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 6009(a)—Green Federal Airways

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#### G-10

From Cape Newenham, AK, NDB; 20 AGL St. Paul Island, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Elfee, AK, NDB; 20 AGL INT Elfee NDB 041° and Port Heiden, AK, NDB 248° bearings; 20 AGL Port Heiden NDB; 67 miles 12 AGL, 77 miles 85 MSL, 67 miles 12 AGL, Woody Island, AK, NDB; to Kachemak, NDB.

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#### G-12

From Saldo, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Port Heiden, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Borland, AK, NDB; 20 AGL to Elfee, AK, NDB.

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#### Paragraph 6009(b)—Red Federal Airways

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#### R-99

From St. Paul Island, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Dutch Harbor, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Saldo, AK, NDB; 20 AGL Iliamna, AK, NDB; INT Iliamna NDB 124° and Kachemak, AK, NDB 269° bearings to Kachemak.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on March 6, 1998.

**Reginald C. Matthews,**

*Acting Program Director for Air Traffic Airspace Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97-AWP-35]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Proposed Amendment of VOR Federal Airways; Kahului, HI

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to amend the legal descriptions of seven Hawaiian Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways due to the relocation of the Maui, HI, Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC). The FAA is taking this action to enhance safety and to improve the management of air traffic operations in the vicinity of Kahului, HI.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 30, 1998.