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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-AAL-8]

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Modification of Jet Route J-502; VOR Federal Airway V-444; and Colored Federal Airways Amber 2 and Amber 15; Alaska

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies Jet Route 502 (J-502), very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) Federal Airway 444 (V-444), and Colored Federal Airways Amber 2 (A-2) and Amber 15 (A-15) in the State of Alaska. Specifically, this action modifies the description of J-502 by correcting the reference to the Burwash Landing navigational aid and modifies the description of V-444 to exclude airspace within Canada. In addition, this action adds the Beaver Creek, Yukon Territory (YT), Nondirectional Beacon (NDB) to the descriptions of A-2 and A-15 to make them consistent with the revised Canadian en route low altitude structure. This action does not change the dimensions or operating requirements of the airways.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, October 8, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Rule

This action modifies J-502, V-444, A-2, and A-15, in the State of Alaska. Specifically, this action modifies the current description of J-502 from "Burwash Landing, YT, Radio Beacon (RBN)," to "Burwash, YT, NDB," and modifies the description of V-444 to exclude that airspace within Canada.

In addition, this action adds the Beaver Creek NDB to the descriptions of A-2 and A-15 to make them consistent with the revised Canadian en route low altitude structure.

This action does not change the dimensions or operating requirements of the airways.

Since this action merely involves changes in the legal description of jet routes and Federal airways, and does not involve a change in the dimensions or operating requirements of that airspace, notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary.

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, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Jet route, colored Federal airway, and Alaskan VOR Federal airway designations are published in paragraphs 2004, 6009(c) and 6010(b), respectively, 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 jet route, colored Federal airway, and Alaskan VOR Federal airway designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

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:

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Paragraph 2004—Jet Routes

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J-502 [Revised]

From Seattle, WA; via Victoria, BC, Canada; Port Hardy, BC, Canada; Annette Island, AK; Level Island, AK; Sisters Island, AK; Burwash, YT, Canada, NDB; Northway, AK; Fairbanks, AK, to Kotzebue, AK, excluding the airspace within Canada.

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Paragraph 6009(c)—Colored Federal Airways

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A-2 [Revised]

From Beaver Creek, YT, Canada, NDB; Nabesna, AK, NDB; to Delta Junction, AK, NDB. From Chena, AK, NDB via Evansville, AK, NDB; to Browerville, AK, NDB. The airspace within Canada is excluded.

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A-15 [Revised]

From Ethelda, BC, Canada, NDB via Nichols, AK, NDB; Sumner Strait, AK, NDB; Coghlan Island, AK, NDB; Haines, AK, NDB; Burwash, YT, Canada, NDB; Beaver Creek, YT, NDB; 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.

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Paragraph 6010(b)—Alaskan VOR Federal Airways

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V-444 [Revised]

From Barrow, AK, Evansville, AK, NDB; Bettles, AK; Fairbanks, AK; Big Delta, AK; Northway, AK; Burwash, YT, excluding that airspace in Canada.

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