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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Part 93

[Docket No. 97-131-2]

#### Horses From Qatar; Change in Disease Status

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of reopening and extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We are reopening and extending the comment period for a proposed rule concerning the importation of horses to remove Qatar from the list of regions the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service considers affected with African horse sickness. This reopening and extension will provide interested groups and individuals with additional time to prepare comments on the proposed rule.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given only to comments on Docket No. 97-131-1 that are received on or before February 16, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 97-131-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 97-131-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. John Cougill, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Products Program, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 40, Riverdale, MD

20737-1231, (301) 734-3399; or e-mail: john.w.cougill@usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 12, 1998, we published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 26099-26100 Docket No. 97-131-1) a proposed rule concerning the importation of horses to remove Qatar from the list of regions the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service considers affected with African horse sickness. Comments on the proposed rule were required to be received on or before July 13, 1998.

So that we may consider comments received after that date, we are reopening and extending the public comment period on Docket No. 97-131-1 until 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. During this period, other interested persons may also submit their comments for our consideration.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1622; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 102-105, 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134d, 134f, 135, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of December 1998.

**Joan M. Arnoldi,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 95-AWA-12]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Proposed Modification of the Salt Lake City Class B Airspace Area; UT

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** This action withdraws the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published in the **Federal Register** on August 5, 1998. The FAA proposed to reconfigure three existing subarea boundaries in the Salt Lake City Class B airspace area to enhance the efficiency of air traffic operations. However, recent changes in air traffic control (ATC) operational procedures and an ongoing review of Salt Lake City airspace indicate that additional changes to the

Class B airspace area may be necessary. The FAA has formed a Capacity Enhancement Task Force, which consists of a group of aviation users in the Salt Lake Valley, to study and recommend design changes needed to modernize the current Salt Lake City Class B airspace area. Therefore, the FAA has determined that withdrawal of the proposed rule is warranted in order to conduct a review of the Salt Lake City terminal airspace area.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 14, 1999.

**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:** On August 5, 1998, an NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 41743) proposing to amend 14 CFR part 71 to modify the Salt Lake City, UT, Class B airspace area. Interested parties were invited to participate in the rulemaking process by submitting written data, views, or arguments regarding the proposal.

In response to the proposal, the FAA received two comments, one from the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) and one from the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA).

ALPA, in support of the proposal, stated that the proposed changes would be a "win-win" for instrument flight rule (IFR) traffic in the Class B airspace and for visual flight rule (VFR) traffic preferring to operate outside the Class B airspace in the Salt Lake City area. ALPA stated that since the reclassification of airspace "Airport Traffic Area" has been eliminated, there is no need to protect a 5-mile radius of the airport. They also stated that because there is no IFR traffic east of the airport below 9,000 feet, the area east of the airport could be used for VFR aircraft to transit the area east of the interstate below 9,000 feet without an ATC clearance. Further, the proposed changes should improve safety and efficiency of air traffic operations in the area and establish boundaries coincident with the Mode C veil.

NATCA, in opposition to the proposal, stated that recent changes in operational procedures, and the potential for an increase in the number of nonparticipating aircraft operating