

Proposed Rules

Federal Register

Vol. 64, No. 9

Thursday, January 14, 1999

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

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,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

[FR Doc. 99-799 Filed 1-13-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-34-P

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

outside the Class B airspace area, would have a negative impact on the positive control services provided to VFR aircraft in the area. They also question the suitability of the "see and avoid concept" for flight in the Salt Lake City area. In addition, NATCA contends that the current Class B airspace boundaries should be increased to the east and the west instead of reduced; the current ceiling should be raised to more accurately reflect current operational practices; and that a full review of the Salt Lake City air traffic operational procedures and airspace is needed. NATCA stated that a review of the current airspace and operational procedures has been initiated by local FAA management and NATCA to identify any required modifications needed for the continued safe and efficient use of the airspace.

In consideration of the comments received and the cited review of operational changes, the FAA has reexamined the proposal and has decided to withdraw the proposal at this time in order to conduct a complete review of the Salt Lake City terminal airspace area. The recently formed Capacity Enhancement Task Force, consisting of aviation users in the Salt Lake Valley, will review the Salt Lake City terminal airspace area configuration and recommend operational and design changes needed to modernize the current Salt Lake City Class B airspace area to the FAA. The FAA will ensure the requirements of all users of the Salt Lake City terminal airspace area are considered when reviewing the recommendations of the task force before any airspace modifications are made.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Withdrawal

In consideration of the foregoing, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Airspace Docket No. 5-AWA-12, as published in the **Federal Register** on August 5, 1998 (63 FR 41743), is hereby withdrawn.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854; 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 8, 1999.

Reginald C. Matthews,

Acting Program Director for Air Traffic Airspace Management.

[FR Doc. 99-853 Filed 1-13-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-AAL-15]

RIN 2120-AA66

Proposed Establishment of Colored Federal Airways; AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to establish 17 colored Federal airways located in the State of Alaska (AK). The FAA is proposing this action to improve the management of air traffic operations in the State of Alaska and enhance safety.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Air Traffic Division, AAL-500, Docket No. 98-AAL-15, 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: Joseph C. White, 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-15." 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 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 call the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, and request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

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 FAA's web page at <http://www.faa.gov> or the **Federal Register's** web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html> for access to recently published rulemaking documents.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 (part 71) to establish 17 colored Federal airways in AK, specifically, Green-1, Green-2, Green-3, Green-4, Green-16, Green-17, Green-18, Green-19, Red-1, Red-2, Amber-7, Blue-1, Blue-2, Blue-4, Blue-5, Blue-7, and Blue-8. Presently, there are a number of uncharted nonregulatory routes that use the same routings as these proposed colored Federal airways, with the exception of Green-16, Green-17, Green-