

under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97-SW-61-AD, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas 76137.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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 to read as follows:

AD 99-04-12 McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems: Amendment 39-11036, Docket No. 97-SW-61-AD.

Applicability: Model 369D, 369E, 369FF, 369H, MD500N, and MD600N helicopters, with input shaft coupling assemblies, part number (P/N) 369F5133-1, serial number (S/N) 030829-0126 through 030829-0207, installed on main transmission, P/N 369F5100-503, and on overrunning clutch, P/N 369F5450, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each helicopter 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 helicopters that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must use the authority provided in paragraph (c) to request approval from the FAA. This approval may address either no action, if the current configuration eliminates the unsafe condition, or different actions necessary to address the unsafe condition described in this AD. Such a request should include an assessment of the effect of the changed configuration on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD. In no case does the presence of any modification, alteration, or repair remove any helicopter from the applicability of this AD.

Compliance: Required within 100 hours time-in-service after the effective date of this AD, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent failure of the spline teeth in each input shaft coupling assembly (coupling assembly), loss of drive to the main rotor

system, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

(a) Visually inspect the coupling assemblies, P/N 369F5133-1, installed on main transmission, P/N 369F5100-503, and on overrunning clutch, P/N 369F5450, for pitting under the solid film lubricant in the spline area of the coupling.

(b) If there is pitting in the splines, replace the coupling assembly with an airworthy coupling assembly, P/N 369F5133-1, that has been inspected as required by paragraph (a) of this AD.

Note 2: Boeing Service Bulletin SB369H-240, SB369E-085, SB500N-013, SB369D-192, SB369F-072, SB600N-003, dated September 26, 1997, pertains to this AD.

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office.

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

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on February 5, 1999.

Eric Bries,

Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ANM-16]

Removal of Class E Airspace; Anaconda, MT

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action removes Class E airspace at Anaconda, MT, which is no longer necessary because of amendments to adjacent airspace areas. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, May 20, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Ripley, ANM-520.6, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 98-ANM-16, 1601 Lind Avenue SW,

Renton, Washington, 98055-4056; telephone number: (425) 227-2527.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On November 18, 1998, the FAA proposed to amend Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, part 71 (14 CFR part 71) by removing the Anaconda, MT, Class E airspace area (63 FR 64021). The Anaconda, MT, Class E airspace is no longer required because of airspace changes to adjacent areas. The adjacent areas completely cover the Anaconda, MT, airspace area, thereby making Anaconda, MT, airspace obsolete. Interested parties were invited to participate in the rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth, are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9F, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 removes Class E airspace at Anaconda, MT. The intended effect of this rule is designed to provide efficient use of the navigable airspace.

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.

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 14 CFR 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 7400.9F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is amended as follows:

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Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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ANM MT E5 Anaconda, MT [Removed]

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Issued in Seattle, Washington, on January 27, 1999.

Helen Fabian Parke,

*Manager, Air Traffic Division,
Northwest Mountain Region.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Customs Service****19 CFR Parts 24 and 178**

[T.D. 99–11]

RIN 1515–AC26

Automated Clearinghouse Credit

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document adopts as a final rule interim amendments to the Customs Regulations which provided for payments of funds to Customs by Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) credit. Under ACH credit, a payer transmits daily statement, deferred tax, and bill payments electronically through a financial institution directly to a Customs account maintained by the Department of the Treasury. ACH credit allows the payer to exercise more control over the payment process, does

not require the disclosure of bank account information to Customs, and expands the types of payments that may be made through ACH.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ben Robbin, Financial Systems Division, Financial Management Services Center, Office of Finance, U.S. Customs Service (317–298–1520, ext. 1428).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On May 28, 1998, Customs published T.D. 98–51 in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 29122) setting forth interim amendments to the Customs Regulations to provide for the electronic transfer of funds to Customs for commercial transactions through the Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) credit procedure. Under ACH credit, a payer transmits daily statement, deferred tax, and bill payments electronically through a financial institution directly to a Customs account maintained by the Department of the Treasury. The ACH credit procedure offers a number of advantages when compared to the previously implemented ACH debit procedure provided for in § 24.25 of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 24.25). These advantages include the fact that ACH credit allows the payer to exercise more control over the payment process, does not require the disclosure of bank account information to the Government, expands the types of payments that may be made through ACH, and does not require action on the part of the Government when an individual payment is effected.

The interim amendments contained in T.D. 98–51 involved (1) the addition of a new § 24.26 (19 CFR 24.26) to cover the ACH credit procedure and (2) a number of consequential wording changes in § 24.25 to clarify when the references to ACH in that section pertain only to the ACH debit procedure and not to the ACH credit procedure of new § 24.26. These interim regulatory amendments went into effect on June 29, 1998, and the notice prescribed a public comment period which closed on July 27, 1998.

No comments were received during the prescribed public comment period. Accordingly, Customs believes that the interim regulatory amendments should be adopted as a final rule without change. This document also includes an appropriate update of the list of information collection approvals contained in § 178.2 of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 178.2).

Executive Order 12866

This document does not meet the criteria for a “significant regulatory action” as specified in Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), it is certified that the amendments will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. ACH credit is a voluntary payment procedure that provides increased benefits in efficiency, control, and privacy to payers who elect to make payments to Customs by electronic funds transfer. Accordingly, the amendments are not subject to the regulatory analysis or other requirements of 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collection of information contained in this final rule has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)) under control number 1515–0218. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

The collection of information in this final rule is in § 24.26. This information is required in connection with an election to use the ACH credit procedure for making electronic payments of funds to Customs. The information will be used by the U.S. Customs Service to ensure that payments to Customs are properly transmitted, received, and credited. The likely respondents are business organizations including importers, exporters and manufacturers.

The estimated average annual burden associated with the collection of information in this final rule is .083 hours per respondent or recordkeeper. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Office of Finance, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229, and to OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Treasury, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20503.