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(g) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* (1) You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(i) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and  
 (ii) The Manager, Fort Worth Airplane Certification Office (ACO), approves your alternative. Submit your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Fort Worth ACO.

(2) Alternative methods of compliance approved in accordance with AD 2001-20-14, which is superseded by this AD, are approved as alternative methods of compliance with this AD.

**Note:** This AD applies to each airplane identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, 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 (g) 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 you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(h) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* Contact Werner Koch, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Airplane Certification Office, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0150; telephone: (817) 222-5133; facsimile: (817) 222-5960.

(i) *What if I need to fly the airplane to another location to comply with this AD?* The FAA can issue a special flight permit under sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate your airplane to a location where you can accomplish the requirements of this AD.

(j) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may get copies of the documents referenced in this AD from Fairchild Aircraft, Inc., P.O. Box 790490, San Antonio, Texas 78279-0490. You may view these documents at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

(k) *Does this AD action affect any existing AD actions?* This amendment supersedes AD 2001-20-14, Amendment 39-12462.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

**[Airspace Docket No. 01-ASO-18]**

**Proposed Establishment of Class E5 Airspace, Andrews, SC**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish Class E5 airspace at Andrews, SC. A Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) Runway (RWY) 36 Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) has been developed for Robert F. Swinnie Airport, Andrews SC. As a result, controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) is needed to contain the SIAP and other Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Robert F. Swinnie Airport. The operating status of the airport would change from Visual Flight Rules (VFR) to include IFR operations concurrent with the publication of the SIAP.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 28, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 01-ASO-18, Manager, Airspace Branch, ASO-520, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, telephone (404) 305-5586.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Walter R. Cochran, Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305-5586.

**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 action must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 01-ASO-18." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Office of the Regional Counsel for Southern Region, Room 55, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, 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 NPRMs**

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Manager, Airspace Branch, ASO-520, Air Traffic Division, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320. Communications must identify the docket number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A which describes the application procedure.

**The Proposal**

The FAA is considering an amendment of Part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish Class E5 airspace at Andrews, SC. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9J, dated August 31, 2001, and effective September 16, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in 14

CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed 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, 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 31, 2001, and effective September 16, 2001, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.*

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##### **ASO SC E5 Andrews, SC [NEW]**

Robert F. Swinnie Airport, SC  
(Lat. 33°27'06"N, long. 79°31'34"W)  
Andrews NDB  
(Lat. 33°27'05"N, long. 79°31'38"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile

radius of Robert F. Swinnie Airport and within 4 miles east and 8 miles west of the 174° bearing from the Andrews NDB extending from the 6.3-mile radius to 16 miles south of the airport, excluding that airspace within the Georgetown, SC, Class E airspace area.

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Issued in College Park, Georgia, on December 18, 2001.

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Southern Region.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **14 CFR Part 234**

[Docket No. OST 2000–8164]

RIN 2139–AA09

#### **Reporting the Causes of Airline Delays and Cancellations**

**AGENCY:** Office of Secretary, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** As required by Federal statute, the Department of Transportation is considering modifying the reporting requirements regarding air carriers' quality of services. We are proposing requiring air carriers that file airline service quality performance reports under the regulations to collect and report the causes of airline delays and cancellations. Currently, there is a lack of data on the specific causes of airline delays and cancellations. The proposed changes are designed to fill the data gaps for airline delays and cancellations and provide this information to the public and other interested parties.

**DATES:** Comment Deadline: February 25, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written, signed comments containing the docket number that appears in the heading of this document can be sent to: Docket Clerk, US DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington DC 20590–0001. All comments will be available for examination at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you would like notification that we have received your comment, please include a self addressed stamped envelop or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernard Stankus or Clay Moritz, Office of Airline Information, K–25, Bureau of

Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590–0001, (202) 366–4387 or 366–4385, respectively. You can also contact them by e-mail at [bernard.stankus@bts.gov](mailto:bernard.stankus@bts.gov) or [clay.moritz@bts.gov](mailto:clay.moritz@bts.gov) or by fax at (202) 366–3383.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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##### **Background**

Section 227 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR–21) requires that we modify our airline data collection system, 14 CFR Part 234—Airline Service Quality Performance Reports, to explain more fully to the public the nature and source of airline delays and cancellations (See Pub. L. 106–181, 114 Stat. 61). AIR–21 also directed that DOT establish a Task Force to review airline delays and cancellations and develop recommendations for the associated reporting criteria. Since the passage of AIR–21, Congress has continued to express concern that DOT needs more accurate data to better understand gate, tarmac and airborne delays. The DOT Office of the Inspector General (OIG) also highlighted the need to examine airline delays and cancellations in its July 25, 2000 report on air carrier flight delays and cancellations. Our own consumer complaint statistics also support regulatory action in this area.

In August 2000, we formed the Air Carrier On-Time Reporting Advisory Committee (the Task Force). The Task Force members were chosen to reflect a balanced cross section of interests. In addition to government representatives, they included representatives from consumer airline groups, air carriers, labor unions and airport operators. On September 25, 2000, the Task Force was chartered as a Federal advisory committee. Its mission was to consider