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(f) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may get copies of the documents referenced in this AD from Univair Aircraft Corporation, 2500 Himalaya Road, Aurora, Colorado 80011, telephone: (303) 375-8882; facsimile: (303) 375-8888. You may view these documents at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

(g) *Does this AD action affect any existing AD actions?* This amendment supersedes AD 94-18-04 R1, Amendment 39-9173.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. 2002-FAA-14912; Airspace Docket No. 03-AWP-4]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Proposed Amendment of Restricted Area R-2301E Ajo East, AZ; and R-2304, and 2305 Gila Bend, AZ

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to amend the designated time of use for Restricted Area 2301E Ajo East, AZ, (R-2301E); and R-2304 and R-2305, Gila Bend, AZ. Increased training requirements at Luke Air Force Base (AFB) have resulted in a continued need for restricted airspace usage up to 2400 hours in these areas. This proposed modification of time of use would not change the current boundaries or activities conducted in the airspace areas.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 14, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify "FAA Docket No. FAA-2002-14912 and Airspace Docket No. 03-AWP-4" at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**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:

##### 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 both docket numbers 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 Docket No. FAA-2002-14912 and Airspace Docket No. 03-AWP-4." 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 action may be changed in light of comments received.

All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public 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

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at <http://www.faa.gov> or the **Federal Register's** Web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal; any comments received; and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see address above) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Regional Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 15000

Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, CA 90261.

Additionally, any person may obtain a copy of this action 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 both docket numbers for this action. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should call the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, for a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

##### History

Restricted airspace areas in the vicinity of Luke AFB, AZ, date back to the 1960's. The current designated time of use for these restricted areas was based on past use. An FAA review of airspace requirements for Luke AFB in January of this year showed the operating hours of the restricted areas were being routinely extended by the issuance of a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM). As a result of the review, the United States Air Force (USAF) requested that the FAA take action to change the time of use for these areas to support increased training requirements necessitating a regular need for restricted airspace availability until 2400 hours.

##### The Proposal

Based on the review and the USAF request, the FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 73 (part 73) to amend the designated time of use for R-2301, R-2304, and R-2305. Specifically, this action proposes to change the designated time of use for R-2301E from "Monday-Friday, 0630-2230 local time; other times by NOTAM," to "Daily, 0630 to 2400 local time; other times by NOTAM;" R-2304 from "0700-2200 local time; other times by NOTAM," to "Monday-Saturday, 0630-2400 local time; other times by NOTAM;" and R-2305 from "0700-2300 local time; other times by NOTAM," to "Monday-Saturday, 0630-2400 local time; other times by NOTAM." Increased training requirements at Luke AFB have resulted in a continued need for restricted airspace availability until 2400 hours. This proposed modification would not change the current boundaries or activities conducted in the airspace area.

Section 73.48 of part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations was republished

in FAA Order 7400.8K dated September 26, 2002.

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. Therefore, this proposed 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.

#### Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to the appropriate environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1D, Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts, prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

#### The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 73 as follows:

#### PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. The authority citation for part 73 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.

#### § 73.23 [Amended]

2. § 73.23 is amended as follows:

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#### R-2301E, Ajo East AZ [Amended]

By removing "Time of designation. Monday–Friday, 0630–2230 local time; other times by NOTAM," and substituting "Time of designation. Daily, 0630–2400 local time; other times by NOTAM."

#### R-2304, Gila Bend AZ [Amended]

By removing "Time of designation. 0700–2200 local time; other times by NOTAM," and substituting "Time of designation. Monday–Saturday, 0630–2400 local time; other times by NOTAM."

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#### R-2305, Gila Bend AZ [Amended]

By removing "Time of designation. 0700–2300 local time; other times by NOTAM," and substituting "Time of designation. Monday–Saturday, 0630–2400 local time; other times by NOTAM."

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### 37 CFR Part 1

[Docket No. 2003–P–021]

RIN 0651–AB61

#### January 2004 Revision of Patent Cooperation Treaty Application Procedure

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) is proposing to amend the rules of practice to conform them to certain amendments made to the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) that will take effect on January 1, 2004. These amendments will result in the addition of a written opinion in PCT chapter I, as well as a simplification of PCT designations and the PCT fee structure. In addition, the Office is proposing to adjust the transmittal, search, and international preliminary examination fees for international applications filed under the PCT to be more closely aligned with the actual average costs of processing a PCT application and conducting a PCT search and international preliminary examination under the new process.

**COMMENT DEADLINE DATE:** To be ensured of consideration, written comments must be received on or before June 30, 2003. No public hearing will be held.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent by electronic mail message via the Internet addressed to [AB61.Comments@uspto.gov](mailto:AB61.Comments@uspto.gov). Comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments-Patents, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313–1450, or by facsimile to (703) 308–6459, marked to the attention of Mr. Richard

Cole. Although comments may be submitted by mail or facsimile, the Office prefers to receive comments via the Internet. If comments are submitted by mail, the Office would appreciate the comments to be electronically filed on a DOS formatted 3½ inch disk with a paper copy of the comments.

The comments will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Commissioner for Patents, located in Crystal Park 2, Suite 910, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia, and will be available through anonymous file transfer protocol (ftp) via the Internet (address: <http://www.uspto.gov>). Since comments will be made available for public inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard R. Cole, Legal Examiner, Office of PCT Legal Administration (OPCTLA) directly by telephone at (703) 305–6639, or by facsimile at (703) 308–6459.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the September–October 2002 meeting of the Governing Bodies of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the PCT Assembly adopted various amendments to the Regulations under the PCT that enter into force on January 1, 2004. The amended PCT Regulations were published in the PCT Gazette of December 5, 2002 (49/2002), in section IV, at pages 25004–25061. The purposes of these amendments are to: (1) Improve coordination of international search (chapter I of the PCT) and international preliminary examination (chapter II of the PCT) through the provision of an enhanced international search and preliminary examination system; (2) simplify the PCT by changing the concept and operation of the designation system and the fee system; and (3) simplify signature and other filing requirements.

**Enhanced International Search and Preliminary Examination System:** Under the enhanced international search and preliminary examination system, the written opinion currently established during the chapter II procedure by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) has been added to the chapter I procedure. Accordingly, the International Searching Authority (ISA) will be responsible for establishing a preliminary and non-binding written opinion on whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable. In the event that a Demand for international preliminary examination is timely filed by applicant without a PCT Article 34 amendment,