

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) guarantees bid, payment, and performance bonds for small and emerging contractors who cannot obtain surety bonds through regular commercial channels. SBA's guarantee, authorized pursuant to Part B of Title IV of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, 15 U.S.C. 694a *et seq.*, gives Sureties an incentive to provide bonding for small businesses and, thereby, assists small businesses in obtaining greater access to contracting opportunities. SBA's guarantee is an agreement between a Surety and SBA that SBA will assume a certain percentage of the Surety's loss should a contractor default on the underlying contract. SBA is authorized to guarantee a Surety for a contract up to \$6.5 million and, with the certification of a contracting officer of a Federal agency, up to \$10 million. For more information about SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program, see <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/surety-bonds>.

The regulations governing the Surety Bond Guarantee (SBG) Program are codified in 13 CFR part 115: Subpart A of part 115 contains provisions that apply to all surety bond guarantees; subpart B contains provisions that apply to the bond guarantees subject to prior approval by SBA; and subpart C contains provisions that apply to the bond guarantees that Preferred Surety Bond Sureties may issue under delegated authority. SBA is inviting comments from the public on identifying which of these regulations should be repealed, replaced, or modified because they are obsolete, unnecessary, ineffective, or burdensome. (In 2017, SBA published a similar request that covered all the agency's programs and regulations, see 82 FR 38618 (August 15, 2017), but SBA received no comments on part 115. By focusing only on the SBG Program, SBA believes that this request is more likely to receive the attention of interested parties.) In addition, SBA is interested in receiving comments from the public on how SBA can improve the surety bond products, procedures, forms, and reporting requirements of the SBG Program.

SBA is also considering whether to make changes to certain specific regulations and invites comments from the public on these issues. For example, SBA has received requests from Prior Approval Sureties to change the criteria in § 115.30(d)(2) for using the Quick Bond Guarantee Application and Agreement (SBA Form 990A), including

increasing the maximum contract amount of \$400,000, the maximum contract period of 12 months, the \$1,000 per day limit on liquidated damages, and eliminating the prohibition against contracts involving demolition.

In addition, under § 115.14(a)(3), a contractor loses eligibility for future SBA assistance if the Surety has established a claim reserve of at least \$1,000 for an outstanding SBA-guarantee bond. SBA is considering whether the claim reserve amount is set at the correct amount to mitigate future risk and, if not, what the amount should be. SBA is also considering whether the regulations that set the minimum amount for collecting or refunding the Principal and Surety guarantee fees, including §§ 115.32(d)(2) and (3) and 115.67(a) and (b), should be changed by increasing the amount from the current \$40.

II. List of Questions for Commenters

The list of questions below is meant to assist in the formulation of public comments and is not intended to restrict the issues that may be addressed. SBA requests that commenters identify the specific regulation at issue and explain, in as much detail as possible, why the regulation should be streamlined, expanded, or repealed, including estimated cost savings and benefits to small businesses and other stakeholders.

1. Are there regulations in 13 CFR part 115 that have become unnecessary or ineffective and, if so, what are they?
2. Are there regulations in 13 CFR part 115 that can be repealed without impairing SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program and, if so, what are they?
3. Are there regulations in 13 CFR part 115 that have become outdated and, if so, how can they be modernized to better accomplish their regulatory objectives?
4. Are there regulations in 13 CFR part 115 that are still necessary, but which have not operated as well as expected such that a modified approach is justified, and what is that approach?
5. Are there regulations or regulatory processes in 13 CFR part 115 that are too complicated or could be streamlined to achieve regulatory objectives more efficiently?
6. Are there any technological developments that can be leveraged to modify, streamline, or repeal any existing regulatory requirements in 13 CFR part 115?

7. Should SBA make changes to any of the criteria set forth in § 115.30(d)(2) under which a Prior Approval Surety may use the Quick Bond Guarantee Application and Agreement (SBA Form

990A)? If yes, describe the change and provide the reason for your response.

8. Under § 115.14(a)(3), a contractor (and its affiliates) loses eligibility for further SBA bond guarantees if the Surety has established a claim reserve for an SBA-guaranteed bond of at least \$1,000. Should SBA change the claim reserve amount? If so, describe the change and provide the reasons for your response.

9. Should SBA increase the minimum amount for collecting or refunding Principal and Surety guarantee fees from \$40? If yes, what should the amount be? Please provide reasons for your response.

10. In addition to the types of bonds that are currently offered through the SBG Program, are there any other surety bond products that you would like SBA to offer through its SBG Program that would assist small businesses in need of government assistance? If so, describe the product and how it would benefit small businesses.

Interested parties are invited to provide any other comments that they may have relating to the concerns described in this advance notice of proposed rulemaking. We ask that you provide a brief justification for any suggested changes.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 692, 694 and 695; Sec. 12079, Pub. L. 110-246, 122 Stat. 1651; E.O. 13771; E.O. 13777.

Dated: May 23, 2019.

Christopher M. Pilkerton,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0347; Airspace Docket No. 19-AEA-6]

RIN 2120-AA66

Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cortland, Elmira, Ithaca, and Endicott, NY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Cortland County Airport-Chase Field, Cortland, NY, Elmira/Corning Regional Airport, Elmira/Corning, NY, Ithaca

Tompkins Regional Airport, Ithaca, NY and Tri-Cities Airport, Endicott, NY to accommodate new area navigation (RNAV) global positioning system (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures (SIAPs) serving these airports. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 18, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this rule to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Bldg., Ground Floor Rm. W12-140, Washington, DC 20590; Telephone: 1-800-647-5527, or (202) 366-9826. You must identify the Docket No. FAA-2019-0347; Airspace Docket No. 19-AEA-6, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit and review received comments through the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed on line at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11C at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Fornito, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; telephone (404) 305-6364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for this Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's

authority. This proposed rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority, as it would establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Cortland County Airport-Chase Field, Cortland, NY, Elmira/Corning Regional Airport, Elmira/Corning, NY, Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport, Ithaca, NY and Tri-Cities Airport, Endicott, NY to support standard instrument approach procedures for IFR operations at these airports.

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on 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 (Docket No. FAA-2019-0347 and Airspace Docket No. 19-AEA-6) and be submitted in triplicate to DOT Docket Operations (see "ADDRESSES" section for the address and phone number.) You may also submit comments through the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Persons 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 FAA Docket No. FAA-2019-0347; Airspace Docket No. 19-AEA-6." 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 document may be changed in light of the comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the comment closing date. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket. 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 the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays at the office of the Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 350, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018. FAA Order 7400.11C is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11C lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Cortland County Airport-Chase Field, Cortland, NY, within a 12.5-mile radius of Elmira/Corning Regional Airport, Elmira/Corning, NY, within a 9.5-mile radius of Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport, Ithaca, NY and within an 8-mile radius of Tri-Cities Airport, Endicott, NY, providing the controlled airspace required to support the RNAV (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures for IFR operations at these airports.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11C, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

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 proposed 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 would be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures” prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

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, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 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 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018, 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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AEA NY E5 Cortland, NY [New]

Cortland County Airport-Chase Field, NY
(lat. 42°35'34" N, long. 76°12'54" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Cortland County Airport-Chase Field.

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AEA NY E5 Elmira/Corning, NY [New]

Elmira/Corning Regional Airport, NY
(lat. 42°9'35" N, long. 76°53'30" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 12.5-mile radius of Elmira/Corning Regional Airport.

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AEA NY E5 Ithaca, NY [New]

Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport, NY
(lat. 42°29'29" N, long. 76°27'31" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 9.5-mile radius of Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport.

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AEA NY E5 Endicott, NY [New]

Tri Cities Airport, NY
(lat. 42°4'43" N, long. 76°5'47" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 8-mile radius of Tri Cities Airport.

Issued in College Park, Georgia, on May 23, 2019,

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Organization.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 121 and 135

[Docket No.: FAA–2019–0360; Notice. No. 19–05]

RIN 2120–AL12

Removal of Check Pilot Medical Certificate Requirement

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action would update regulatory text so as to remove inconsistencies applicable to check pilots and flight instructors in domestic, flag, and supplemental operations and flight instructors in commuter and on demand operations so that check pilots

and flight instructors can continue to perform their functions in aircraft without a medical certificate, unless they are serving as required flightcrew members. The FAA also proposes to remove the medical certificate requirement for check pilots in commuter and on demand operations who perform their functions in aircraft and are not serving as required flightcrew members. Removing the medical certificate requirement would enable pilots who are otherwise qualified, to function as check pilots in aircraft.

DATES: Send comments on or before August 2, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2019–0360 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202–493–2251.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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