

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 31286; Amdt. No. 3882]

Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. These regulatory actions are needed because of the adoption of new or revised criteria, or because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System, such as the commissioning of new navigational facilities, adding new obstacles, or changing air traffic requirements. These changes are designed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace and to promote safe flight operations under instrument flight rules at the affected airports.

DATES: This rule is effective December 12, 2019. The compliance date for each SIAP, associated Takeoff Minimums, and ODP is specified in the amendatory provisions.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of December 12, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Availability of matter incorporated by reference in the amendment is as follows:

For Examination

1. U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Ops-M30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Bldg., Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001;

2. The FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located;

3. The office of Aeronautical Navigation Products, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169 or,

4. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email fedreg.legal@nara.gov or go to: <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Availability

All SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs are available online free of charge. Visit the National Flight Data Center online at nfdc.faa.gov to register. Additionally, individual SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP copies may be obtained from the FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This rule amends Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97 (14 CFR part 97) by amending the referenced SIAPs. The complete regulatory description of each SIAP is listed on the appropriate FAA Form 8260, as modified by the National Flight Data Center (NFDC)/Permanent Notice to Airmen (P-NOTAM), and is incorporated by reference under 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 1 CFR part 51, and 14 CFR 97.20. The large number of SIAPs, their complex nature, and the need for a special format make their verbatim publication in the **Federal Register** expensive and impractical. Further, airmen do not use the regulatory text of the SIAPs, but refer to their graphic depiction on charts printed by publishers of aeronautical materials. Thus, the advantages of incorporation by reference are realized and publication of the complete description of each SIAP contained on FAA form documents is unnecessary.

This amendment provides the affected CFR sections, and specifies the SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs with their applicable effective dates. This amendment also identifies the airport and its location, the procedure and the amendment number.

Availability and Summary of Material Incorporated by Reference

The material incorporated by reference is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The material incorporated by reference describes SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs as identified in the amendatory language for part 97 of this final rule.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 97 is effective upon publication of each separate SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP as amended in the transmittal. For safety and timeliness of change considerations, this amendment incorporates only specific changes contained for each SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP as modified by FDC permanent NOTAMs.

The SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, as modified by FDC permanent NOTAM, and contained in this amendment are based on the criteria contained in the U.S. Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS). In developing these changes to SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, the TERPS criteria were applied only to specific conditions existing at the affected airports. All SIAP amendments in this rule have been previously issued by the FAA in a FDC NOTAM as an emergency action of immediate flight safety relating directly to published aeronautical charts.

The circumstances that created the need for these SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP amendments require making them effective in less than 30 days.

Because of the close and immediate relationship between these SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d), good cause exists for making these SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

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. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment 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 97

Air traffic control, Airports, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 29, 2019.

Rick Domingo,

Executive Director, Flight Standards Service.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, Title 14, Code of Federal regulations, Part 97, (14 CFR part 97), is amended by amending Standard Instrument Approach Procedures and Takeoff Minimums and

ODPs, effective at 0901 UTC on the dates specified, as follows:

PART 97—STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

■ 2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:

By amending: § 97.23 VOR, VOR/DME, VOR or TACAN, and VOR/DME or TACAN; § 97.25 LOC, LOC/DME, LDA, LDA/DME, SDF, SDF/DME; § 97.27 NDB, NDB/DME; § 97.29 ILS, ILS/DME, MLS, MLS/DME, MLS/RNAV; § 97.31 RADAR SIAPs; § 97.33 RNAV SIAPs; and § 97.35 COPTER SIAPs, Identified as follows:

* * * *Effective Upon Publication*

AIRAC date	State	City	Airport	FDC No.	FDC date	Subject
2–Jan–20	TX	Eagle Pass	Maverick County Memorial Intl.	9/3424	11/18/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 13, Amdt 1B.
2–Jan–20	TX	Atlanta	Hall-Miller Muni	9/3561	11/14/19	RNAV (GPS) RWY 5, Amdt 1B.
2–Jan–20	AL	Haleyville	Posey Field	9/5495	11/19/19	VOR/DME RWY 18, Amdt 5B.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 5

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Availability of Information to the Public

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Education.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (“Department”) issues a final rule amending its Availability of Information to the Public regulations to reflect amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) made by the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 (“Improvement Act”) and a minor technical update. Among other things, the Improvement Act requires the Department to amend its FOIA regulations to extend the deadline for administrative appeals for FOIA decisions, add information on dispute resolution services, and amend the way the Department charges fees for FOIA requests.

DATES: These final regulations are effective December 12, 2019.

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If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this final rule, we are revising sections in 34 CFR part 5 based on statutory amendments to FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552) that were made by the Improvement Act (Pub. Law 114–185) and to make a minor, technical update. The following paragraphs describe the specific statutory changes and the revisions we are making to the regulations.

Subpart B—Agency Records Available to the Public

§ 5.10 Public Reading Room

Statute: The Improvement Act amended 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) to require that each agency ensure that certain categories of records are available for public inspection in an electronic format, rather than available in person for copying, as previously required. The amendments also expanded the categories of records that must be made available for public inspection to include records that have been requested under FOIA three or more times.

Current Regulations: Current § 5.10(a) requires the Department to maintain a public reading room containing certain agency records required to be made available for public inspection and copying under FOIA. Current § 5.10(b) provides that the public reading room will include certain categories of records, such as final opinions, orders in adjudications, and agency records released to the public pursuant to a FOIA request and that are likely to be the subject of future FOIA requests. Current § 5.10(c) requires the Department to make the reading room records available for inspection electronically.

New Regulations: We are amending § 5.10 to reflect the emphasis in 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) on electronic inspection for

agency records created on or after November 1, 1996, including by renaming the section and reorganizing the requirements. Although the new regulations continue to allow the Department to maintain its reading room, we are revising § 5.10 to highlight that the Department is only required to make such records available for public inspection in an electronic format, rather than available in person for copying. In § 5.10(a), we are adding to the list of records required to be made available records requested three or more times under FOIA, and, in § 5.10(c), we have clarified that, for records created before November 1, 1996, the Department will continue to make hard copies available upon request in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3).

Reason: We are revising § 5.10 so it aligns with the Improvement Act.

Subpart C—Procedures for Requesting Access to Agency Records and Disclosure of Agency Records

§ 5.20 Requirements for Making FOIA Requests

Statute: Under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3)(A), a request for records must reasonably describe the records and be made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees, and procedures to be followed. It does not explicitly require a requester to provide contact information upon filing a request.

Current Regulations: Under current § 5.20(a), a FOIA request for an agency record must be in writing (via paper, facsimile, or electronic mail) and transmitted to the Department as indicated on the Department’s website.

New Regulations: We are adding to § 5.20(a) that each request must include a valid email or physical address, and we are omitting reference to the manner