

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.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 97

Air Traffic Control, Airports, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 13, 2024.

Thomas J. Nichols,

Standards Section Manager, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service, Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 14 CFR part 97 is amended by establishing, amending, suspending, or removing Standard Instrument Approach Procedures and/or Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures 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:

Effective 31 October 2024

Utqiagvik, AK, BRW/PABR, ILS OR LOC RWY 8, Amdt 3
 Utqiagvik, AK, BRW/PABR, LOC BC RWY 26, Amdt 3
 Utqiagvik, AK, BRW/PABR, RNAV (GPS) RWY 26, Amdt 2
 Mountain Home, AR, BPK, ILS OR LOC RWY 5, Amdt 2
 Mountain Home, AR, BPK, RNAV (GPS) RWY 5, Amdt 1
 Mountain Home, AR, BPK, RNAV (GPS) RWY 23, Amdt 1
 Key West, FL, EYW, RNAV (GPS) RWY 9, Amdt 2
 Key West, FL, EYW, RNAV (GPS) RWY 27, Amdt 1
 Fort Meade(Odenton), MD, FME, RNAV (GPS) RWY 10, Amdt 2
 Fort Meade(Odenton), MD, FME, RNAV (GPS) RWY 28, Amdt 2
 Fort Meade(Odenton), MD, KFME, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 1
 Jefferson City, MO, KJEF, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 8
 Battle Mountain, NV, BAM, RNAV (GPS) RWY 4, Amdt 2
 Battle Mountain, NV, BAM, VOR RWY 4, Amdt 8

Las Vegas, NV, LAS, RNAV (GPS) RWY 1R, Amdt 5
 Las Vegas, NV, LAS, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 19L, Amdt 1
 Las Vegas, NV, LAS, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 19R, Amdt 1
 Klamath Falls, OR, KLMT, CRATER ONE, Graphic DP
 Klamath Falls, OR, KLMT, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 6
 Portland, OR, PDX, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 10L, Amdt 2
 Portland, OR, PDX, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 10R, Amdt 1
 Portland, OR, PDX, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 28L, Amdt 1
 Portland, OR, PDX, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 28R, Amdt 2
 Edna, TX, 26R, RNAV (GPS) RWY 15, Orig Edna, TX, 26R, RNAV (GPS) RWY 33, Orig Edna, TX, 26R, RNAV (GPS)—A, Orig-A, CANCELED
 Edna, TX, 26R, RNAV (GPS)—B, Orig-A, CANCELED
 Dublin, VA, PSK, RNAV (GPS) RWY 24, Amdt 2
 Burlington, VT, BTV, ILS OR LOC RWY 15, Amdt 26
 Burlington, VT, BTV, ILS OR LOC RWY 33, Amdt 2
 Burlington, VT, BTV, RNAV (GPS) Z RWY 33, Amdt 1
 Burlington, VT, BTV, VOR RWY 1, Amdt 1
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 31567; Amdt. No. 4132]

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 October 1, 2024. 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 October 1, 2024.

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 Information Services, 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, visit

www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

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 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 Air Missions (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, pilots 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 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

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Issued in Washington, DC, on September 13, 2024.

Thomas J. Nichols,

Standards Section Manager, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service, Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 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	Procedure name
31-Oct-24	CO	Gunnison	Gunnison-Crested Butte Rgnl	4/0631	8/16/2024	RNAV (RNP) RWY 24, Orig-A.
31-Oct-24	NY	Rochester	Frederick Douglass/Greater Rochester Intl.	4/2502	7/16/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 22, Amdt 2B.
31-Oct-24	WI	Platteville	Platteville Muni	4/2624	7/29/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 7, Orig-D.
31-Oct-24	WI	Platteville	Platteville Muni	4/2626	7/29/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 15, Orig-A.
31-Oct-24	WI	Platteville	Platteville Muni	4/2636	7/29/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 33, Orig-A.
31-Oct-24	CO	Granby	Granby-Grand County	4/3062	7/17/2024	RNAV (GPS)-C, Orig.
31-Oct-24	AK	New Stuyahok	New Stuyahok	4/3349	8/6/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 14, Orig-A.
31-Oct-24	AK	New Stuyahok	New Stuyahok	4/3351	8/6/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 32, Orig-A.
31-Oct-24	SD	Pierre	Pierre Rgnl	4/4769	8/7/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 7, Amdt 2A.
31-Oct-24	NH	Keene	Dillant/Hopkins	4/5186	4/26/2024	ILS OR LOC RWY 2, Amdt 6.
31-Oct-24	NH	Keene	Dillant/Hopkins	4/5187	4/26/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 2, Amdt 1.
31-Oct-24	MI	Traverse City	Cherry Capital	4/5212	7/30/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 36, Orig-B.
31-Oct-24	MI	Traverse City	Cherry Capital	4/5214	7/30/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 28, Orig-B.
31-Oct-24	VA	Blackstone	Allan C Perkinson/Blackstone Aaf.	4/6093	7/23/2024	NDB-A, Amdt 13.
31-Oct-24	MN	Morris	Morris Muni/Charlie Schmidt Fld.	4/6537	8/27/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 14, Amdt 2.
31-Oct-24	MN	Morris	Morris Muni/Charlie Schmidt Fld.	4/6538	8/27/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 32, Amdt 2.

AIRAC date	State	City	Airport	FDC No.	FDC date	Procedure name
31-Oct-24	MN	Morris	Morris Muni/Charlie Schmidt Fld.	4/6539	8/27/2024	VOR RWY 14, Amdt 2.
31-Oct-24	MN	Morris	Morris Muni/Charlie Schmidt Fld.	4/6540	8/27/2024	VOR RWY 32, Amdt 6.
31-Oct-24	FL	Wauchula	Wauchula Muni	4/6914	7/5/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 18, Amdt 1D.
31-Oct-24	FL	Wauchula	Wauchula Muni	4/6915	7/5/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 36, Amdt 1D.
31-Oct-24	AL	Andalusia	South Alabama Rgnl At Bill Benton Fld.	4/7059	7/29/2024	NDB-A, Amdt 4.
31-Oct-24	AL	Andalusia	South Alabama Rgnl At Bill Benton Fld.	4/7060	7/29/2024	COPTER NDB RWY 29, Orig-A.
31-Oct-24	NY	Rochester	Frederick Douglass/Greater Rochester Intl.	4/7551	5/22/2024	ILS OR LOC RWY 4, ILS RWY 4 (SA CAT I), ILS RWY 4 (CAT II), Amdt 21B.
31-Oct-24	NY	Rochester	Frederick Douglass/Greater Rochester Intl.	4/7552	5/22/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 4, Amdt 2B.
31-Oct-24	GA	Sylvania	Plantation Airpark	4/8737	7/9/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 5, Amdt 1.
31-Oct-24	MO	Bowling Green	Bowling Green Muni	4/8755	8/14/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 13, Amdt 1.
31-Oct-24	MO	Bowling Green	Bowling Green Muni	4/8757	8/14/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 31, Amdt 1.
31-Oct-24	PA	Wilkes-Barre	Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley	4/9312	7/30/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 25, Orig-E.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 42

[Docket No. PTO-P-2024-0014]

RIN 0651-AD79

Rules Governing Director Review of Patent Trial and Appeal Board Decisions

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is adding a new rule to govern the process for the review of Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB or Board) decisions in Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) proceedings by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Director). The new rule promotes the accuracy, consistency, and integrity of PTAB decision-making in AIA proceedings.

DATES: This rule is effective October 31, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Krause, Director Review Executive; Kalyan Deshpande, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge; or James Worth, Acting Senior Lead Administrative Patent Judge, at 571-272-9797.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Summary

Following the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in *United States v. Arthrex, Inc.*, 141 S. Ct. 1970, 1986 (2021) (“*Arthrex*”), on June 29, 2021, the USPTO implemented an interim process for Director Review of final written decisions in AIA proceedings. To promote the accuracy, consistency, and integrity of PTAB decision-making in AIA proceedings, the USPTO then issued an updated “Interim Process for Director Review” on April 22, 2022. The updated interim process set forth guidance for parties who wished to request Director Review. This guidance increased clarity as the Office continued to update and improve the process based on experience and initial stakeholder feedback. The USPTO subsequently issued a Request for Comments (RFC) seeking public input on Director Review. 87 FR 43249-52 (July 20, 2022); 87 FR 58330 (Sept. 26, 2022) (extending comment period). Based on experience and in light of stakeholder feedback received in response to the RFC, on July 24, 2023, the USPTO modified the interim Director Review process to allow parties to request Director Review of decisions on institution in AIA proceedings. The USPTO then issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on April 16, 2024, taking into consideration the feedback received in response to the RFC. Following the proposed rule and solicitation of public comments, 89 FR 26807 (Apr. 16, 2024), this final rule implements, in regulation, key aspects of the processes used for Director Review.

This final rule provides that a party to an AIA proceeding may request Director Review in that proceeding of any: (1) decision on institution, (2) final

decision,¹ (3) decision granting rehearing of a decision on institution or a final decision, or (4) other decision concluding an AIA proceeding. In addition, the final rule provides that the Director may sua sponte (on their own initiative) initiate a review of such decisions. The final rule also sets forth the timing and format of a party’s request for Director Review. The final rule addresses the impact of Director Review on the underlying proceeding at the PTAB, as well as the time by which an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit must be filed. The final rule also provides that the Director may delegate a review.

Background

On September 16, 2011, Congress enacted the AIA (Pub. L. 112-29, 125 Stat. 284 (2011)). The AIA established the PTAB,² which is made up of administrative patent judges (APJs) and four statutory members, namely the Director, the Deputy Director, the Commissioner for Patents, and the Commissioner for Trademarks. 35 U.S.C. 6(a). The Director is appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. 35 U.S.C. 3(a)(1). APJs are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce in consultation with the Director. *Id.* section 6(a). The PTAB hears and decides *ex parte* appeals of adverse decisions by examiners in applications for patents, applications for reissue, and reexamination proceedings, and

¹ As discussed below, as used in the final rule, “final decision” is defined as both final written decisions under 35 U.S.C. 318, 328, for inter partes review and post grant review proceedings, and also final decisions under 35 U.S.C. 135, for derivation proceedings.

² The PTAB was previously known as the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.