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This list includes <u>Federal Register</u> (FR) publications such as rules, Advisory Circulars (ACs), policy statements and related material of interest to ARSA members. The date shown is the date of FR publication or other official release. Proposals opened for public comment represent your chance to provide input on rules and policies that will affect you. Agencies must provide the public notice and an opportunity for comment before their rules or policies change. Your input matters. Comments should be received before the indicated due date; however, agencies often consider comments they receive before drafting of the final document begins.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

<u>DOT Launches New Advisory Committee to Help Shape Federal Approach to</u> Transportation Innovation

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on Friday, December 29 announced the launch of the Transforming Transportation Advisory Committee (TTAC) to provide advice to DOT and the Secretary of Transportation about plans and approaches for transportation innovation.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

FAA Closely Monitoring Inspections of Boeing 737 MAX Airplanes

The FAA is closely monitoring targeted inspections of Boeing 737 MAX airplanes to look for a possible loose bolt in the rudder control system. Under consultation with the FAA, Boeing has issued a Multi-Operator Message (MOM), urging operators of newer single-aisle airplanes to inspect specific tie rods that control rudder movement for possible loose hardware.

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes***

Published 01/02/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2243 Effective date 01/17/2024

This AD continues to require the actions of AD 2022–08–04, and requires new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes***

Published 01/02/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1823 Effective date 02/06/2024

This AD requires inspecting certain Y-belts for correct installation and damage and corrective actions if necessary. This AD also prohibits the use of certain revisions of a maintenance task.

AD: Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes***

Published 01/02/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1706 Effective date 02/06/2024

This AD requires replacing the affected SSV with a re-designed SSV that has an improved response time.

AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes***

Published 01/02/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1822 Effective date 02/06/2024

This AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes***

Published 12/29/2023 Docket #: FAA-2023-2404 Effective date 01/03/2024

This AD requires periodic replacement of affected titanium threaded bolts, a one-time inspection of the rudder mass balance arm and other elements of the rudder trim tab installation for correct attachment, damage (gouges), cracks, deformation, surface finish, and corrosion on any surrounding parts and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective actions, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency emergency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: Leonardo S.p.a. Helicopters***

Published 12/29/2023 Docket #: FAA-2023-1894 Effective date 02/02/2024

This AD requires one-time scissor coupling and axial play inspections and repetitive quantitative axial play inspections and, depending on the results, additional inspections and replacing certain parts.

AD: Piaggio Aviation S.p.A. Airplanes***

Published 12/29/2023 Docket #: FAA-2023-1819 Effective date 02/02/2024

This AD requires a one-time detailed inspection of the HS central box for corrosion; an assessment of the corrosion level; and depending on the determination, repetitive detailed inspections of the HS central box for corrosion and the internal composite structure for surface cracks, distortion, and damage; and repair or replacement of the HS assembly.

AD: Airbus Helicopters***

Published 12/28/2023 Docket #: FAA-2023-2396 Effective date 01/12/2024

This AD continues to require certain actions in AD 2022–27–09 and also revises the procedures for inspecting the vibration level on the tail rotor drive shaft and depending on these results, requires replacing certain parts, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

Final Rule: Extension of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Damascus Flight Information Region (FIR) (OSTT)

Published 12/27/2023 Docket #: FAA-2017-0768 Effective date 12/27/2023

This action extends the prohibition against certain flight operations in the Damascus Flight Information Region (FIR) (OSTT) by all: U.S. air carriers; U.S. commercial operators; persons exercising the privileges of an airman certificate issued by the FAA, except when such persons are operating U.S.-registered aircraft for a foreign air carrier; and operators of U.S.-registered civil aircraft, except when the operator of such aircraft is a foreign air carrier, for an additional five years, from December 30, 2023, until December 30, 2028

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: The Boeing Company Airplanes***

Docket #: FAA-2023-2403 Published 12/29/2023 Comments due

02/12/2024

This proposed AD would require a one-time detailed inspection of the engine pylon thrust reverser control system wire harnesses and applicable on-condition actions.

NPRM Airworthiness Criteria: Special Class Airworthiness Criteria for the Blackshape S.p.A., Model BK160-200 Very Light Airplane

Published 01/02/2024 Docket #: FAA-2022-1135 Comments due

02/01/2024

The FAA announces the availability of, and requests comments on, the proposed airworthiness criteria for the Blackshape S.p.A., Model BK160-200 Very Light Airplane (VLA).

Draft MMEL AEG Policy

MMEL: MMEL Policy Letter (PL)-119 Rev 5, Two-Section MMELs

Comments due 01/16/2024 Updated 12/27/2023 Revision x Draft x

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FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: WACO Classic Aircraft Corporation Airplanes

Published 01/03/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2005 Effective date 02/07/2024

This AD requires installing maneuver restriction placards in the front and rear cockpits, inspecting the leading and trailing edge former ribs for cracking, replacing any cracked ribs, modifying the upper wing center section assembly, and removing the maneuver restriction placards after completing the modification.

AD: Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Engines

Published 01/03/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1892 Effective date 02/07/2024

This AD requires initial and repetitive visual inspections of the IP8 and HP3 air transfer tubes and front bearing housing IP8 air feed tubes for cracking, damage, or air leakage wear, and replacement, if necessary, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: The Boeing Company Airplanes

Published 01/03/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1648 Effective date 02/07/2024

This AD requires re-torquing each free-standing attendant seat track fitting nut.

AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes

Published 01/03/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1994 Effective date 02/07/2024

This AD requires replacing affected SLGOCs and prohibiting the installation of affected SLGOCs, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: Dassault Aviation Airplanes

Published 01/03/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1502 Effective date 02/07/2023

One sentence description of what the AD does. Usually found in the first paragraph of the description on the Federal Register page.

AD: <u>Saab AB, Support and Services (Formerly Known as Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics) Airplanes</u>

Published 01/03/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1896 Effective date 02/07/2024

This AD requires installing color markings on the harnesses and the wheel axles, to ensure proper installation and connection of the anti-skid harnesses, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes

Published 01/03/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1882 Effective date 02/07/2024

AD 2022–07–15 required replacing affected braking and steering control units and revising the operator's existing FAA-approved minimum equipment list. This AD removes certain airplanes from the applicability, retains the requirements of AD 2022–07–15, requires an inspection for the relay type installed and replacement of type 1 relays with type 2 relays, limits the installation of affected BSCUs on certain airplanes and prohibits the installation of affected BSCUs for certain other airplanes as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

Final Rule: IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments

Published 01/03/2024 Docket #: 31525 Effective date 01/25/2024

This amendment adopts miscellaneous amendments to the required IFR (instrument flight rules) altitudes and changeover points for certain Federal airways, jet routes, or direct routes for which a minimum or maximum en route authorized IFR altitude is prescribed.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: <u>Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Equinox</u> Innovative Systems Published 01/03/2024 Document #: 2023-28952 Comments due 01/10/2024

On December 14, 2023, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice seeking comment regarding a petition for exemption from Equinox Innovative Systems (88 FR 86718). The petitioner seeks an exemption to conduct commercial flight operations with the Falcon Heavy tethered unmanned aircraft system (UAS). The comment period for this petition for exemption was to close January 3, 2024. This notice extends the comment period.

Notice: <u>Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments;</u>
<u>Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Noise Certification</u>
<u>Standards for Subsonic Jet Airplanes and Subsonic Transport Category Large</u>
<u>Airplanes</u>

Published 01/03/2024 Document #: 2023-28897 Comments due 02/02/2024

The collection involves the noise certification regulations of 14 CFR part 36 for aircraft. This includes information collection requirements for the noise certification of subsonic aircraft—jet airplanes and subsonic transport category large airplanes, small propeller driven airplanes and rotorcraft.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

2023 by the Numbers: More Flights, Fewer Cancellations, More Consumer Protections

U.S. aviation ended 2023 on a better note for passengers with the lowest flight cancellation rate in at least 10 years, alongside expanded consumer protections for travelers.

OIG Announcements

<u>Audit Initiated of Impact of FAA's Risk Assessments of Infrastructure Investment</u> and Jobs Act (IIJA)-Funded Airports on Grant Oversight

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)1 provides \$20 billion over 5 years for two grant programs—Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) and Airport

Terminal Program (ATP)—to address aging aviation infrastructure.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

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Notices

Notice: <u>Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments;</u>
<u>Clearance of a Renewal of an Information Collection: Operational Waivers for Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems</u>

Published 01/04/2024 Document #: 2023-28991 Comments due 03/04/2024

The FAA is seeing increased complexity of small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) operation flying under <u>14 CFR part 107</u>. Under <u>14 CFR 107.205</u>, operators of small UAS continue to request waivers from certain operational rules.

Draft MMEL AEG Policy

MMEL: MMEL Policy Letter (PL)-119 Rev 5, Two-Section MMELs

Updated 01/03/2024 Revision 5 Draft x Comments due 01/16/2024

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

OIG Announcements

Audit Initiated of FAA's Acquisition and Fiscal Law Division

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) maintains a hotline for receiving allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement affecting U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) programs or operations. OIG received a hotline complaint alleging a hostile work environment in the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Acquisition and Fiscal Law Division (AGC-500) that could impact the division's ability to effectively conduct its mission.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

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FAA Regulations

Flight Standards Service Draft Advisory Circular

AC: AC 90-ACAS, Operational Use of Airborne Collision Avoidance Systems

Updated 01/04/2024 Reference #: Title 14 Part 91- Comments due 02/02/2024 121-125-129-135

This AC provides an acceptable means, but not the only means, to address operational use of Airborne Collision Avoidance Systems (ACAS) in compliance with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 91, 121, 125, 129, and 135 requirements.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

Air Travel Consumer Report: October 2023 Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) today released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of October 2023 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters.

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

FAA Statement on Temporary Grounding of Certain Boeing 737 MAX 9 Aircraft

The FAA ordered the temporary grounding of certain Boeing 737 MAX 9 aircraft operated by U.S. airlines or in U.S. territory.

"The FAA is requiring immediate inspections of certain Boeing 737 MAX 9 planes before they can return to flight," FAA Administrator Mike Whitaker said. "Safety will continue to drive our decision-making as we assist the NTSB's investigation into Alaska Airlines Flight 1282."

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

Emergency AD: The Boeing Company Model 737-9 Airplanes

This emergency AD was prompted by a report of an in-flight departure of a mid cabin door plug, which resulted in a rapid decompression of the airplane. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the potential in-flight loss of a mid cabin door plug, which could result in injury to passengers and crew, the door impacting the airplane, and/or loss of control of the airplane.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Orders

Order: Notice JO 7110.790 - ADS-B Indicator and ASDE-X/ASSC Related Changes

Issued 01/08/2024 Document #: N JO 7110.790

This order prescribes air traffic control procedures and phraseology for use by personnel providing air traffic control services. Controllers are required to be familiar with the provisions of this order that pertain to their operational responsibilities and to exercise their best judgment if they encounter situations not covered by it.

Order: Notice JO 7210.947 - ASDE System Operation

Issued 01/08/2024 Document #: JO 7210.3DD

This order provides direction and guidance for the day-to-day operation of facilities and offices under the administrative jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration's Air Traffic Organization.

Notices

Notice: Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, Broomfield, Colorado

Published 01/08/2024 Document #: 2024-00142 Comments due 02/07/2024

The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of a .3 acre parcel of land at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport.

Notice: Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at the Grand Junction Regional Airport, Grand Junction, Colorado

Published 01/08/2024 Document #: 2024-00141 Comments due 02/07/2024

The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of a 21.81 acre parcel of land at the Grand Junction Regional Airport.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

U.S. DOT Announces Winners of the Intersection Safety Challenge

The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) announced the winners of the U.S. DOT Intersection Safety Challenge Stage 1A at the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting. The Challenge aims to transform roadway intersection safety by incentivizing new and emerging technologies that identify and address unsafe conditions involving vehicles, and vulnerable road users at intersections.

OIG Announcements

Former Kentucky Air Ambulance Helicopter Pilot Pleads Guilty To Operating Aircraft While Under the Influence of Alcohol

On December 15, 2023, Morgan J. Wiljanen, pleaded guilty in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky to an information charging Wiljanen with operating an air common carrier while under the influence of alcohol. According to the information, on or around March 21, 2023, Wiljanen, a former helicopter pilot for Air Evac EMS, Inc., was under the influence of alcohol while piloting Air Evac Flight 79, an air ambulance helicopter operated by the company, from Corbin, Kentucky, to Richmond, Kentucky.

OMB dashboard entries

Family Seating in Air Transportation

This rulemaking would increase protections for families when flying with children. It would require airlines to seat children age 13 and under adjacent to an accompanying adult at no additional cost, subject to limited conditions.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

Updates on Grounding of Boeing 737 MAX 9 Aircraft

The FAA's priority is always keeping Americans safe. In that spirit, Boeing 737-9 aircraft will remain grounded until operators complete enhanced inspections which include both left and right cabin door exit plugs, door components, and fasteners. Operators must also complete corrective action requirements based on findings from the inspections prior to bringing any aircraft back into service.

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes

Published 01/09/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0027 Effective date 01/24/2024

This AD requires, for certain airplanes, a records review to determine if a conductivity check has been performed on the longerons and to determine if the check was measured at least every four inches.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Pratt & Whitney Turbofan Engines

Published 01/09/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2523 Comments due 02/08/2024

This proposed AD would require performing an angled ultrasonic inspection (AUSI) of certain high-pressure turbine (HPT) 1st-stage hubs, HPT 2nd-stage hubs, and HPC 8th-stage disks for cracks and, depending on the results of the inspections, replacing the HPT 1st-stage hubs, HPT 2nd-stage hubs, or HPC 8th-stage disks.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: <u>Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Software Development Alternatives, Inc.</u>

Published 01/09/2024 Document #: 2024-00191 Comments due 01/29/2024

Specifically, SDA is proposing the FAA grant an exemption to allow a TSOA submittal for the article to be evaluated against TSO–C160 and TSO–C113, which were effective when the article was approved for manufacture by the FAA on March 7th, 2012.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

USDOT Announces Progress Delivering Results for America

The report includes updates on DOT's key priorities, including rail safety, strengthening consumer protections for air travelers, and the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), among others.

OIG Announcements

<u>Georgia Individual Pleads Guilty To Using a Drone To Smuggle Contraband Into a State Prison</u>

The indictment alleged that, in September 2020, Sirmans attempted to fly an unregistered unmanned aircraft system weighing over .55 lbs. into Macon State Prison to distribute a controlled substance.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

Emergency AD: Hélicoptères Guimbal

Published 01/10/2024

Effective date 01/10/2024

Depending on the inspection results, EASA AD 2024-0007-E requires contacting HG [Hélicoptères Guimbal] for approved instructions to replace a cracked cyclic stick base and accomplishing those instructions accordingly.

Final Rule: <u>Amendment of Class E Airspace; Natchez, MS</u>

Published 01/11/2024 Docket #: FAA- FAA-2023- Effective date 03/21/2024 2115

This action amends the Class E airspace at Natchez, MS. This action is the result of an airspace review conducted due to the decommissioning of the Natchez very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) as part of the VOR Minimum Operating Network (MON) Program.

Final Rule: <u>Modification of Class E Airspace; Minden-Tahoe Airport, Minden, NV; Correction</u>

Published 01/11/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1006 Effective date 03/21/2024

The FAA is correcting a final rule that published in the **Federal Register** on December 22, 2023. The final rule modified Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Minden-Tahoe Airport, Minden, NV. This action corrects an error in the airspace legal description.

Final Rule: Amendment of Class E Airspace; Jackson, OH

Published 01/11/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2113 Effective date 03/21/2024

This action amends the Class E airspace at Jackson, OH. This action is the result of an airspace review conducted due to the decommissioning of the York very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) as part of the VOR Minimum Operating Network (MON) Program.

Final Rule: Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hutchinson, MN

Published 01/11/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2116 Effective date 03/21/2024

This action amends the Class E airspace at Hutchinson, MN. This action is the result of an airspace review conducted due to the decommissioning of the Darwin very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) as part of the VOR Minimum Operating Network (MON) Program.

Final Rule: Amendment of Class E Airspace; Bedford, PA

Published 01/11/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2114 Effective date 03/21/2024

This action amends the Class E airspace at Bedford, PA. This action is the result of an airspace review conducted due to the decommissioning of the St. Thomas very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) as part of the VOR Minimum Operating Network (MON) Program.

Final Rule: Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-20, V-222, V-289, V-552, V-569 and V-574, and Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes T-483 and T-485 in the Vicinity of Beaumont, TX

Published 01/11/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1528 Effective date 03/21/2024

This action amends Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways V–20, V–222, V–289, V–552, V–569, and V–574, and establishes United States Area Navigation (RNAV) routes T–483 and T–485.

Final Rule: <u>Standard Instrument Approach Procedures</u>, and <u>Takeoff Minimums</u> and <u>Obstacle Departure Procedures</u>; <u>Miscellaneous Amendments</u>

Published 01/11/2024 Docket #: 31524 Effective date 01/11/2024

This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. See chart below.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM: Amendment of Jet Route J-89 and VOR Federal Airway V-161, and Establishment of Canadian RNAV Routes Q-834 and T-765; Northcentral United States

Published 01/11/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2493 Effective date 02/26/2024

This action proposes to amend Jet Route J–89 and Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airway V–161 and to establish Canadian Area Navigation (RNAV) routes Q–834 and T–765 in United States (U.S.) airspace.

NPRM AD: CFM International, S.A. Engines

Published 01/11/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0030 Comments due

02/26/2024

This proposed AD would require removing the affected HPT rotor interstage seals from service and replacing with a part eligible for installation.

NPRM AD: MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes

02/26/2024

This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, as specified in a Transport Canada AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference (IBR).

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FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

Final Rule: <u>Amendment of Class E Airspace</u>; <u>Statesboro</u>, <u>GA</u>; <u>Correction</u>

Published 01/16/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2051 Effective date 3/21/2024

The FAA is correcting a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2023. The final rule amended Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for Statesboro-Bulloch County Airport, Statesboro, GA. This action corrects an error in the Class E legal description.

Final Rule: Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; San Juan, PR

Published 01/16/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0052 Effective date 07/11/2024

This action makes the editorial changes, updating the geographic coordinates of Luis Munoz Marin International Airport and Fernando Luis Ribas Dominicci Airport and replacing the term Notice to Airmen with Notice to Air Missions and Airport/Facility Directory with Chart Supplement in Class D description.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: <u>Airworthiness Directives</u>; <u>MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate</u> Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes

Published 01/16/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0031 Comments due

03/01/2024

This proposed AD would require inspecting the tombstone fitting lug with a new SDI sub-surface ultrasound procedure when accomplishing the ALI task, as specified in a Transport Canada AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference.

NPRM AD: The Boeing Company Airplanes

03/01/2024

This proposed AD would require repetitive detailed and ultrasonic inspections for cracking of the left-and right-hand sides of certain frame fittings and failsafe straps, and repair if any cracking is found.

NPRM: <u>Modification of Class E Airspace; Edward G. Pitka Sr. Airport, Galena,</u> AK

03/01/2024

This action proposes to modify the Class E airspace designated as a surface area and modify the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Edward G. Pitka Sr. Airport, Galena, AK.

NPRM: <u>Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q-108</u> and Revocation of RNAV Route Q-104; Eastern United States

03/01/2024

This action proposes to establish United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q–108 and revoke RNAV Route Q–104 in the eastern United States.

NPRM: <u>Amendment and Revocation of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS)</u> <u>Routes; Eastern United States</u>

Published 01/16/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2315 Comments due

03/01/2024

This action proposes to amend three Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways and two United States Area Navigation (RNAV) routes; and to revoke two VOR Federal airways and three jet routes in the eastern United States.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Flight Standards Service Information for Operators (InFO)

InFO: National Weather Service (NWS) Real-Time Mesoscale Analysis.

Issued 01/03/2024 InFO #: 24001

This InFO supersedes InFO 15006. In addition, it provides information on the use of the NWS RTMA weather data when sensors on an automated weather system fail to report either temperature or altimeter setting at an airport.

<u>Notices</u>

Notice: Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments;
Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Advisory Circular:
Reporting of Laser Illumination of Aircraft

Published 01/16/2024 Document #: 2024-00687 Comments due 02/13/2024

The collection involves information to be collected will be used to and/or is necessary because Advisory Circular 70–2B provides guidance to civilian air crews on the reporting of laser illumination incidents and recommended mitigation actions to be taken in order to ensure continued safe and orderly flight operations.

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

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Final Rule: <u>Amendment of Restricted Areas R-3801A, R-3801B, and R-3801C;</u> <u>Camp Claiborne, LA, and R-3803A, R-3803B, R-3803C, R-3803D, R-3803E, R-3803F, R-3804A, R-3804B, and R-3804C; Fort Polk, LA</u>

Published 01/17/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2544 Effective date 03/21/2024

This action updates the controlling agency of restricted areas R–3801A, R–3801B, and R–3801C, and updates the location name and the using agency of restricted

areas R–3803A, R–3803B, R–3803C, R–3803D, R–3803E, R–3803F, R–3804A, R–3804B, and R–3804C.

Final Rule: <u>Amendment of Restricted Area R-2512 Holtville, CA; Correction</u>

Published 01/17/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2220 Effective date 01/25/2024

This action corrects a final rule that published in the **Federal Register** on November 16, 2023, that amends restricted area R–2512 in the vicinity of Holtville, CA. This action corrects a typographical error in that rule stating that incorrect section would be amended.

Final Rule: Renaming of Restricted Areas R-6601A, R-6601B, and R-6601C; Fort AP Hill, VA

Published 01/17/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2555 Effective date 03/21/2024

This action renames restricted areas R–6601A, R–6601B, and R–6601C, Fort AP Hill, VA, and updates the using agency description. Additionally, this action amends the geographic coordinates for multiple boundary points listed in the restricted areas to accurately align the existing boundary with United States (U.S.) Route 301 and U.S. Highway 17 referenced in the descriptions and adjacent Special Use Airspace (SUA).

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: <u>Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments;</u> <u>Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Part 121 Operating</u> Requirements: Domestic, Flag, and Supplemental Operations

Published 01/17/2024 Document #: 2024-00795 Comments due 03/18/2024

The collection involves regulations that prescribe the requirements governing air carrier operations. The information collected is necessary to determine air operators' compliance with the minimum safety standards and the applicants' eligibility for air operations certification.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

<u>Updates on Grounding of Boeing 737 MAX 9 Aircraft</u>

On January 12, the FAA announced requirements for a rigorous inspection and maintenance process as a new and necessary step before the FAA contemplates any further steps in the process to return Boeing 737-9 MAXs to service. The first 40 inspections that are part of that process are now complete, and the FAA will thoroughly review the data from them.

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Dassault Aviation Airplanes

Published 01/18/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1502 Effective date 02/07/2024

This AD continues to require the actions in AD 2023–04–10, and requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations; as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes

Published 01/18/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1715 Effective date 02/07/2024

This AD requires visually inspecting the forward left side cabin area of the airplane to determine if the portable PBE device is installed and, if not installed, requires installing the portable PBE device along with the associated placard.

AD: The Boeing Company Airplanes

Published 01/18/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0032 Effective date 01/18/2024

This AD prohibits further flight of affected airplanes, until the airplane is inspected and all applicable corrective actions have been performed. The FAA previously sent an emergency AD to all known U.S. owners and operators of these airplanes.

FAA Special Conditions

SC: Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVIII-G700 and GVIII-G800 Series

<u>Airplanes; Electronic System Security Protection From Unauthorized Internal</u>

<u>Access</u>

Published 01/18/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2424 Effective date 01/18/2024

This design feature is associated with the installation of a digital system that contains a wireless and hardwired network with hosted application functionality that allows access, from sources internal to the airplane, to the airplane's internal electronic components.

SC: Special Conditions: <u>Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVIII-G700 and GVIII-G800 Series Airplanes; Electronic System Security Protection From Unauthorized External Access</u>

Published 01/18/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2440 Comments due 01/18/2024

This design feature is associated with the installation of a digital systems architecture that will allow increased connectivity to and access from external network sources, (e.g., operator networks, wireless devices, internet connectivity, service provider satellite communications, electronic flight bags, etc.) to the airplane's previously isolated electronic assets (networks, systems, and databases).

FAA Proposed Special Conditions

SC: <u>Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVIII-G700 and GVIII-G800 Series</u>
<u>Airplanes; Flight Envelope Protection: Takeoff Stall Protection</u>

Published 01/18/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2437 Comments due 02/07/2024

This design feature is an envelope protection function to protect the airplane from over- and rapid-rotation on takeoff. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: Notice of 60-Day Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Settlement Agreement Departure Procedure Amendments for Bob Hope "Hollywood Burbank" Airport

Published 01/18/2024 Document #: 2024-00838 Comments due 03/24/2024

The FAA has received several requests seeking an extension of the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed departure procedure amendments at Bob Hope "Hollywood Burbank" Airport (BUR Airport). This notice announces the 60-day extension of the public comment period until March 24, 2024, to solicit public comments on the Draft EA.

January 19, 2024

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

Final Rule: <u>Standard Instrument Approach Procedures</u>, and <u>Takeoff Minimums</u> and Obstacle Departure Procedures; <u>Miscellaneous Amendments</u>

Published 01/19/2024 Docket #: 31527

Effective date 1/19/2024

This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. See chart below.

Final Rule: <u>Standard Instrument Approach Procedures</u>, and <u>Takeoff Minimums</u> and <u>Obstacle Departure Procedures</u>; <u>Miscellaneous Amendments</u>

Published 01/19/2024 E

Docket #: 31526

Effective date 1/19/2024

This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. See chart below.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Draft Orders

Order: Order 8260.3F (CHG ICA), United States Terminal Instrument Procedures

Updated 01/18/2024 Reference #: 14 CFR part 97 Comments due 2/12/2024

This order prescribes standardized methods for design and evaluation of IFPs prescribed under 14 CFR part 97 as well as other IFPs and ATC procedures not specified under part 97.

Order: Order 8260.46J (CHG ICART), Departure Procedures (DP) Program

Updated 01/18/2024 Reference #: 14 CFR part 97 Comments due 2/12/2024

To manage the Departure Procedure program this order provides policy, guidance, & standardization for initiating, designing, documenting, and processing for DPs prescribed under 14 CFR part 97 as well as other DPs not specified under part 97.

Order: Order 8260.3F (CHG ICA), United States Terminal Instrument Procedures

Updated 01/18/2024 Reference #: 14 CFR part 97 Comments due 2/12/2024

This order prescribes standardized methods for design and evaluation of IFPs prescribed under 14 CFR part 97 as well as other IFPs and ATC procedures not specified under part 97.

Draft Flight Standardization Board/Operational Suitability Report

FSB: <u>FSBR BD-700-2A12 Rev 5</u>, <u>Bombardier Inc. Global 7500 (BD-700-2A12)</u>

Updated 01/18/2024 Re

Revision 5 Draft X

Comments due 02/07/2024

January 22, 2024

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

Updates on Grounding of Boeing 737 MAX 9 Aircraft

As an added layer of safety, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is recommending that operators of Boeing 737-900ER aircraft visually inspect mid-exit door plugs to ensure the door is properly secured. The Boeing 737-900ER is not part of the newer MAX fleet but has the same door plug design.

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes

Published 01/22/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0033 Effective date 02/06/2024

This AD requires revising the operator's existing FAA-approved minimum equipment list (MEL), as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

Final Rule: <u>Modification of Class E Airspace; Minden-Tahoe Airport, Minden, NV; Correction</u>

Published 01/22/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1006 Effective date 03/21/2024

The final rule modified Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Minden-Tahoe Airport, Minden, NV. This action corrects a typographical error within the airspace legal description text.

Final Rule: <u>Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-36 and Establishment of RNAV Route T-675; Northcentral United States</u>

Published 01/22/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1325 Effective date 05/16/2024

This action delays the effective date of a final rule published in the

Federal Register on October 19, 2023, amending Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airway V–36 and establishing Canadian Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T–675 in the northcentral United States (U.S.) airspace. The FAA is delaying the effective date to allow sufficient time for completion of the required flight inspection of the route.

Final Rule: Establishment of United States Area Navigation Route (RNAV) Q-476, and Amendment of United States (RNAV) Route T-393; Northeastern United States

Published 01/22/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1417 Effective date 03/21/2024

This action establishes United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q–476, and amends RNAV Route T–393 in support of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) efforts to provide a modern RNAV route structure to improve the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes

03/07/2024

This proposed AD would add airplanes to the applicability and require replacement of certain affected parts with serviceable parts as a precondition for return to service of airplanes from storage or parking, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference.

NPRM: Revocation of Jet Route J-179 and Amendment of United States Area Navigation Route Q-10 in the Vicinity of Emmonak, AK

Published 01/22/2024

Docket #: FAA-2024-0020

Comments due 03/07/2024

This action proposes to revoke Jet Route J–179 in its entirety and amend United States Area Navigation Route (RNAV) Q–10 in the vicinity of Emmonak, AK.

Flight Standards Service Draft Advisory Circular

AC: <u>AC 90-80C CHG 1, Approval of Offshore Standard Approach Procedures,</u> Airborne Radar Approaches, and Helicopter En Route Descent Areas

Updated 01/19/2024 Reference #: Title 14 Part 91- Comments due 02/20/2024 93-135

This change revises weather reporting requirements in paragraphs 2.8.2, 3.8.2, and 4.7.2. This change also updates references throughout the AC.

January 23, 2024

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

Ready for the Kickoff: What GA Pilots Need to Know about Super Bowl LVIII

General aviation pilots flying near Las Vegas from Feb. 7-12, 2024, must be aware of temporary flight restrictions, follow <u>special air traffic procedures</u> and comply with additional operational requirements that will be in effect for Super Bowl LVIII.

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: <u>GE Aviation Czech s.r.o.</u> (Type Certificate Previously Held by WALTER Engines a.s., Walter a.s., and MOTORLET a.s.) Engines

Published 01/23/2024

Docket #: FAA-2023-1811

Effective date 02/27/2024

This AD requires revising the ALS of the existing EMM and the operator's existing approved engine maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new and more restrictive instructions and associated thresholds and intervals for life-limited parts, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes

Published 01/23/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1890 Effective date 02/27/2024

This AD requires revising the existing airplane flight manual (AFM) to include procedures to prevent takeoff with an active bleed air leak annunciated while on the ground. This AD also requires testing the overheat detection sensing elements, marking each serviceable sensing element with a witness mark, and replacing each nonserviceable part with a serviceable part.

AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes

Published 01/23/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1498 Effective date 02/27/2024

This AD requires a fuel tank leak test and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective action, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: General Electric Company Engines

Published 01/23/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1647 Effective date 02/27/2024

This AD requires replacement of affected HPT stage 1 disks, HPT stage 2 disks, forward HPT rotor seals, interstage HPT seals, and stages 7–9 compressor rotor spools.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: GA 8 Airvan (Pty) Ltd Airplanes

Published 01/23/2024

Docket #: FAA-2024-0035

Comments due 03/08/2024

This proposed AD would require inspections and rework (modifications) of the cargo door with corrective action as necessary.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Draft Orders

Order: Order 8260.3F (CHG ICA), United States Terminal Instrument Procedures

Updated Reference #: 14 CFR part 97 Comments due 02/12/2024

01/22/2024

This order prescribes standardized methods for design and evaluation of IFPs prescribed under 14 CFR part 97 as well as other IFPs and ATC procedures not specified under part 97.

Order: Order 8260.46J (CHG ICART), Departure Procedures (DP) Program

Updated Reference #: 14 CFR part 97 Comments due 02/12/2024

01/22/2024

To manage the Departure Procedure program this order provides policy, guidance, & standardization for initiating, designing, documenting, and processing for DPs prescribed under 14 CFR part 97 as well as other DPs not specified under part 97.

January 24, 2024

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

DOT GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS AND NOTICES

DOT Notices

Notice: Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

Agency Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection

Request: Reports by Air Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air **Transport**

Published 01/24/2024 Document #: 2024-01342 Comments due 03/25/2024

The information collection involves requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations for carriers to file reports with DOT on the loss, injury, or death of animals during air transport.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Engines

Published 01/24/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0036 Comments due

03/11/2024

This proposed AD would require removing certain HMUs from service and replacing with a serviceable part. This proposed AD would also prohibit installation of certain HMUs unless the HMU is a serviceable part or the CSV assembly has been replaced, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference.

NPRM: Drug and Alcohol Testing of Certificated Repair Station Employees Located Outside of the United States; Extension of Comment Period

Published 01/24/2024 Docket #: FAA-2012-1058 Comments due

04/05/2024

The NPRM would require certificated repair stations located outside the territory of the United States whose employees perform safety-sensitive maintenance functions on certain air carrier aircraft to obtain and implement a drug and alcohol testing program in accordance with the requirements of the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program published by the FAA and the Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug Testing Programs published by the Department of Transportation.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

FAA Halts Boeing MAX Production Expansion to Improve Quality Control, Also Lays Out Extensive Inspection and Maintenance Process to Allow Boeing 737-9 MAX Aircraft to Return to Service

The Jan. 5 Boeing 737-9 MAX incident must never happen again. Accordingly, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is announcing additional actions to ensure every aircraft is safe. The FAA today informed Boeing it will not grant any production expansion of the MAX, including the 737-9 MAX.

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

Final Rule: <u>Construction Related Relief Concerning Operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, John F. Kennedy International Airport, and LaGuardia Airport, and Newark Liberty International Airport, March 31, 2024, Through October 26, 2024</u>

Published 01/25/2024 Document #: 2024-01524 Effective date 01/22/2024

This action grants a limited, conditional waiver of the minimum slot usage requirements at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) due to runway construction and closures at the airport in 2024 and for impacted flights between DCA and slot-controlled airports John F. Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia Airport.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM: <u>Disclosure of Safety Critical Information</u>

Published 01/25/2024 Docket #:FAA-2024-0159 Comments due 03/25/2024

This proposed rule would implement certain mandates in the Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act of 2020 by requiring applicants for, and holders of, new and amended transport category airplane type certificates to submit, and subsequently continue to disclose, certain safety critical information to the FAA. The proposed rule would also require all applicants for type certificates, including new, amended, and supplemental type certificates, to submit a proposed certification plan to the FAA.

NPRM: Amendment of Class E Airspace; Winder, GA

03/11/2024

This action proposes to amend Class E airspace for Barrow County Airport, Winder, GA, extending upward from 700 feet above the surface.

FAA Special Conditions

SC: Special Conditions: Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVIII-G700 and GVIII-G800 Series Airplanes; Side Stick Controllers-Controllability and Maneuverability

Published 01/25/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2444 Effective date 01/25/2024

This design feature is side-stick controllers for pitch and roll control. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature.

SC: <u>Special Conditions: Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVIII-G700</u> and GVIII-G800 Series Airplanes; Installation of Therapeutic Oxygen System

Published 01/25/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-2436 Comments due 01/25/2024

This design feature is the installation of a therapeutic oxygen system for medical use. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

<u>Orders</u>

Order: <u>JO 7350.9GG - Location Identifiers</u>

Issued 01/25/2024 Document #: JO 7350.9GG

This order describes agency policy, responsibility, and procedures for requesting identifiers and making assignments.

January 26, 2024

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

OIG Announcements

<u>Audit Initiated of FAA's International Aviation Safety Assessment Program</u>

The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program determines foreign civil aviation authorities' (CAAs) compliance with international standards that must be met when another country's air carriers fly into the United States or codeshare with a U.S. air carrier.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Dassault Aviation Airplanes

Published 01/26/2024 Docket #: FAA-2023-1502 Effective date 02/07/2024

This AD continues to require the actions in AD 2023–04–10, and requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations; as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD, which is incorporated by reference.

AD: <u>Standard Instrument Approach Procedures</u>, and <u>Takeoff Minimums and</u> <u>Obstacle Departure Procedures</u>; <u>Miscellaneous Amendments</u>

Published 01/26/2024

Docket #: 31529

Effective date 01/26/2024

This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. See chart below.

Final Rule: <u>Standard Instrument Approach Procedures</u>, and <u>Takeoff Minimums</u> and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

Published 01/26/2024

Docket #: 31528

Effective date 01/26/2024

This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. See chart below.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: <u>Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments;</u>
<u>Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: License</u>
Requirements for Operation of a Launch Site

Published 01/26/2024 Document #: 2024-01516 Comments due 03/26/2024

The information to be collected includes data required for performing launch site location analysis. The launch site license is valid for a period of 5 years. Respondents are licensees authorized to operate sites.

Flight Standards Service Draft Advisory Circular

AC: <u>AC 90-80C CHG 1, Approval of Offshore Standard Approach Procedures,</u> Airborne Radar Approaches, and Helicopter En Route Descent Areas Updated 1/25/2024 Reference #: Title 14 Part 91- Comments due 2/20/2024 135

This change revises weather reporting requirements in paragraphs 2.8.2, 3.8.2, and 4.7.2. This change also updates references throughout the AC.

January 29, 2024

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

Emergency AD: Bell Textron Canada Limited

Published 01/26/2024 Docket #: TBD Effective date 01/26/2024

This emergency AD is intended to detect cracking in the vertical stabilizer top end cap assembly. This condition, if not addressed, could result in the antenna or tuning weight departing from the helicopter and impacting and damaging the tail rotor, resulting in the loss of directional control of the helicopter.

January30, 2024

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

<u>Austin Airport is First in Nation to Get Advanced Tower Simulator, Boosting</u> Controller Training and Safety

"Safety is our priority, and we are investing in new technologies that provide enhanced training for our air traffic controllers," FAA Administrator Mike Whitaker said. "The new simulators will help us achieve that by providing real scenarios to train controllers throughout the National Airspace System."

January 31, 2024

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

<u>Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$240 Million in Bipartisan</u> <u>Infrastructure Law Funding</u>

The \$243.7 million includes 150 grants in 37 states to modernize airport infrastructure, improve runway safety, and create jobs to build a better America.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Various Helicopters

Published 01/31/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0034 Effective date 02/15/2024

This AD requires inspecting the buckle screws and, depending on the results, reidentifying the buckle, replacing the screws and reidentifying the buckle, or replacing the buckle. This AD also prohibits installing certain buckles.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: <u>Airbus SAS Airplanes</u>

Published 01/31/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0040 Comments due 03/18/2024

This proposed AD would continue to require certain actions in AD 2014–15–09, AD 2020–15–09, and AD 2022–16–07 and would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, which is proposed for incorporation by reference. This proposed AD also

removes Model A340–200, –300, –500, and –600 series airplanes from the applicability.

NPRM: <u>Inspection Programs for Single-Engine Turbine-Powered Airplanes and</u> Unmanned Aircraft; and Miscellaneous Maintenance-Related Updates

Published 01/31/2024 Docket #: FAA-2024-0025 Comments due 04/01/2024

The proposed changes include additional inspection program options for owners of single-engine turbine-powered airplanes and unmanned aircraft, relaxed mechanical reliability reporting requirements for certain aircraft, and several changes to clarify and simplify various maintenance-related regulations.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: <u>Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments;</u>
<u>Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Air Taxi and</u>
<u>Commercial Operator Airport Activity Survey</u>

Published 01/31/2024 Document #: 2024-01931 Comments due 03/26/2024

The collection involves requesting that small on-demand operators voluntarily provide the number of revenue passengers that boarded their aircraft at each airport annually. This information is used in determining an airport's category and eligibility for federal funding on an annual basis. It is not available through any other federal data source.

Notice: Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; GE Aerospace

Published 01/31/2024 Document #: 2024-01835 Comments due 02/20/2024

GE Aerospace, is seeking relief from 14 CFR 33.68 (e), which requires Appendix D measurements to demonstrate acceptable engine operation throughout the airplane flight envelope and the convective cloud ice crystal icing envelope. Specifically, GE Aerospace is proposing to use the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee's Ice Crystal Icing Working Group draft report dated October 18, 2023, in lieu of using Appendix D to part 33 (Amendment 33–34) to demonstrate acceptable engine

operation throughout the aircraft flight envelope and the convective cloud ice crystal icing envelope on its GE Catalyst 1300–CS1A engine.