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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 60

[Docket No. FAA-2002-12461; Amendment No. 60-3]

RIN 2120-AJ12

Flight Simulation Training Device Initial and Continuing Qualification and Use

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of issuance and availability of final rule.

SUMMARY: This document announces the availability of the final rule entitled Flight Simulation Training Device Initial and Continuing Qualification and Use, which went on public inspection at the Office of the Federal Register April 30, 2008, and will be published in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions concerning this document or the final rule, contact Edward Cook, Air Transportation Division (AFS-200), Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 100 Hartsfield Centre Parkway, Suite 400, Atlanta, GA 30354; telephone: 404-832-4700; e-mail: Edward.D.Cook@faa.gov. For legal questions concerning this document or the final rule, contact Anne Bechdolt, Office of Chief Counsel (AGC-200), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone 202-267-7230; e-mail: Anne.Bechdolt@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

On April 17, 2008, the FAA issued a final rule entitled Flight Simulation Training Device Initial and Continuing

Qualification and Use. The effective date of the final rule is May 30, 2008. The final rule amends the Qualification Performance Standards (QPS) appendices for flight simulation training devices (FSTD) to provide greater harmonization with international standards for simulation. In addition, the rule adds a new level of simulation for helicopter flight training devices (FTD) and establishes FSTD Directive 1, which requires all existing FSTD airport models that are beyond the number of airport models required for qualification to meet specified requirements. The intended effect of the rule is to ensure that the flight training and testing environment is accurate and realistic. Except for the requirements of FSTD Directive 1, the technical requirements contained in the final rule do not apply to simulators qualified before May 30, 2008. The final rule results in minimal to no cost increases for manufacturers and sponsors.

The final rule will go on public display at the Office of the Federal Register on April 30, 2008, and will be published in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 2008. Beginning April 30, 2008, the full text of the final rule is available for review at <http://www.faa.gov>, under the Recently Published Rulemaking Documents section, http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/recently_published/.

The FAA has determined that the effective date of the final rule amending the QPS appendices should be May 30, 2008. Part 60 has been available to the public for review for over 1 year. The revisions to the QPS appendices of Part 60 reflect international standards that have been in existence for more than 4 years. Further, when the FAA delayed the effective date to Part 60, we also delayed the compliance dates of certain sections of the rule to provide adequate time for transition. Because of the notice provided and delayed compliance dates of certain sections, the FAA has determined that delaying the effective date of the final rule amending the QPS appendices is not required.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 23, 2008.

Pamela Hamilton-Powell,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2007-29157; Airspace Docket 07-ASO-23]

Establishment and Removal of Class E Airspace; Centre, AL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace at Centre-Piedmont Cherokee County Airport, (PYP), Centre, AL and removes Class E airspace at Centre Municipal Airport, Centre, AL, (C22). The operating status of the airport will include Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) operations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 0901 UTC, June 5, 2008. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melinda Giddens, System Support, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305-5610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On January 29, 2008, the FAA proposed to amend Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by establishing Class E airspace at Centre, AL, (73 FR 5135). This action will provide adequate Class E airspace for IFR operations at the new airport, Centre-Piedmont Cherokee County Airport (PYP), supporting the Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) developed for Runways (RWY) 07-25. Airspace supporting Centre Municipal Airport (C22) is no longer required and through this action will be removed. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9R, signed August 15, 2007, and effective September 15, 2007,