

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

The Boeing Company: Docket No. FAA–2011–1322; Directorate Identifier 2011–NM–211–AD.

(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by February 2, 2012.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all The Boeing Company Model 767–200, –300, –300F, and –400ER series airplanes; certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC)/Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 57, Wings.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of cracks of the underwing longeron fittings in the wing center section. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct such cracking, which could result in loss of the primary load path between the fuselage and the wing box, and consequent catastrophic damage to the wing box and failure of the wing.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Inspections, Related Investigative Actions, and Corrective Actions

Except as provided by paragraphs (h)(2) and (h)(3) of this AD, at the applicable time specified in paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 767–57A0126, dated August 12, 2011: Do a high frequency eddy current (HFEC) inspection to detect cracking of the underwing longeron fitting; and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions; in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 767–57A0126, dated August 12, 2011, as revised by Boeing Service Bulletin 767–57A0126, Revision 1, dated November 9, 2011 (short form revision), except as provided by paragraph (h)(1) of this AD. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions before further flight. Repeat the inspection of the underwing longeron fitting thereafter at the

applicable time and intervals specified in paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 767–57A0126, dated August 12, 2011.

(h) Exceptions to Paragraph (g) of This AD

(1) If, during accomplishment of the related investigative action required by this AD, any cracking is found, and Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 767–57A0126, dated August 12, 2011, specifies to contact Boeing for repair instructions: Before further flight, do the repair using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (i) of this AD.

(2) Where Paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 767–57A0126, dated August 12, 2011, specifies a compliance time “after the original issue date of this service bulletin,” this AD requires compliance within the specified compliance time “after the effective date of this AD.”

(3) The Condition column of Paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 767–57A0126, dated August 12, 2011, refers to total flight cycles and total flight hours “as of the original issue date of this service bulletin.” However, this AD applies to the airplanes with the specified total flight cycles or total flight hours “as of the effective date of this AD.”

Note 1: The service bulletin accomplishment instructions might refer to other procedures. When the words “refer to” are used and the operator has an accepted alternative procedure, the accepted alternative procedure can be used to comply with the AD. When the words “in accordance with” are included in the instruction, the procedure in the service bulletin must be used to comply with the AD.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, send it to the attention of the person identified in the Related Information section of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-Seattle-ACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair required by this AD if it is approved by the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO to make those findings. For a repair method to be approved, the repair must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

(j) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Berhane Alazar, Aerospace Engineer,

Airframe Branch, ANM–120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057–3356; phone: (425) 917–6577; fax: (425) 917–6590; email: Berhane.Alazar@faa.gov.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P.O. Box 3707, MC 2H–65, Seattle, Washington 98124–2207; phone: (206) 544–5000, extension 1; fax: (206) 766–5680; email: me.boecom@boeing.com; Internet: <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (425) 227–1221.

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Ali Bahrami,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2011–1275; Airspace Docket No. 11–ANM–26]

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hugo, CO

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend Class E airspace at Hugo, CO. Decommissioning of the Hugo Tactical Air Navigation System (TACAN) has made this action necessary for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations in the vicinity of the Hugo Very High Frequency Omni-Directional Radio Range/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME). This action also would make a minor adjustment to the geographic coordinates of the VOR/DME and make a correction to the regulatory text.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 2, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366–9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA–2011–1275; Airspace Docket No. 11–ANM–26, at the beginning of your comments. You may

also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eldon Taylor, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057; telephone (425) 203-4537.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in 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 (FAA Docket No. FAA 2011-1275 and Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-26) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Commenters 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-2011-1275 and Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-26". The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

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 action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRM's

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/airports_airtraffic/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 the address and phone number) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Northwest Mountain Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, for a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by amending Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface in the vicinity of the Hugo VOR/DME, CO. The airspace update is necessary due to the decommissioning of the Hugo TACAN, changing to a VOR/DME. Also during the review process it was discovered that there was a mistake in the regulatory text, this action will make a correction by replacing V-19 with V-83. Also, the geographic coordinates of the VOR/DME would be updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations in the vicinity of the Hugo VOR/DME.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005, of FAA Order 7400.9V, dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in this Order.

The FAA has determined this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation: (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 this proposed rule, when promulgated, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106, describes the authority for the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This 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 the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This proposal is within the scope of that authority as it would amend controlled airspace at Hugo, CO.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 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 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 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 Part 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9V, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011 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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ANM CO E5 Hugo, CO [Amended]

Hugo VOR/DME

(Lat. 38°49'03" N., long. 103°37'17" W.)

That airspace south and east of the Hugo VOR/DME extending upward from 8,500 feet MSL, bounded on the west by V-83, on the northwest by V-108 and V-169, on the north by V-4, on the northeast by V-17, on the southeast by V-216, and on the south by V-210, excluding the airspace within Federal Airways.

Issued in Seattle, Washington, on December 12, 2011.

John Warner,

Manager, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Parts 120, 122, 126, 127, and 129

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[Public Notice 7732]

Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Registration and Licensing of Brokers, Brokering Activities, and Related Provisions

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of State proposes to amend part 129 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) relating to brokers and brokering activities. Amendments are also to be made to related provisions of the ITAR. The proposed revisions are intended to clarify registration requirements, the scope of brokering activities, prior approval requirements and exemptions, procedures for obtaining prior approval and guidance, and reporting and recordkeeping of such activities. Conforming and technical changes would be made to other parts of the ITAR that affect export as well as brokering activities.

DATES: The Department will accept comments on this proposed rule until February 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit comments within 60 days of the date of publication by one of the following methods:

- *Email:*

DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov with the subject line, “Brokering Rule Comments.”

- *Internet:* At *www.regulations.gov*, search for this notice by using this rule’s RIN (1400-AC37).

Comments received after that date will be considered if feasible, but consideration cannot be assured. Those submitting comments should not include any personally identifying information they do not desire to be made public or information for which a claim of confidentiality is asserted because those comments and/or transmittal emails will be made available for public inspection and copying after the close of the comment

period via the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls Web site at *www.pmddtc.state.gov*. Parties who wish to comment anonymously may do so by submitting their comments via *www.regulations.gov*, leaving the fields that would identify the commenter blank and including no identifying information in the comment itself. Comments submitted via *www.regulations.gov* are immediately available for public inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel L. Cook, Chief, Compliance and Registration Division, Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance, Department of State, 12th Floor, SA-1, 2401 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20037; or email: *DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov*, with the subject line “Brokering Rule Comments.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed rule would make changes to part 129 and other related sections of the ITAR that regulate brokers and brokering activities and implement the brokering amendment to the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (Sec. 38(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the AECA, 22 U.S.C. 2778(b)(1)(A)(ii)).

Background

The Arms Export Control Act was amended in 1996 (Pub. L. 104-164) to provide for the regulation of brokering activities. The following year, implementing regulations were added to the ITAR in part 129. These regulations have remained unchanged except for two minor technical changes.

In 2003, in a report to Congress, the Department of State noted that it was beginning a review of the brokering regulations. The purpose of the review was to assess the need to modify the regulations in light of the experience gained in administering them. The changes proposed in this notice stem from this experience. They were also shaped by comments received from other agencies and industry, including the Defense Trade Advisory Group, a Department of State advisory committee.

Revisions Relevant to Industry Concerns

Changes are proposed to key provisions involving definitions, registration, licensing, exemptions, and reporting procedures. Some of these changes will result in a reduction of burden to the affected public. New exemptions are proposed, requirements for prior notification would be eliminated, and detailed guidance on obtaining a brokering authorization would be provided. The proposed

changes also provide additional specificity regarding the applicability of these regulations to foreign brokers operating overseas.

Summary of Major Changes

Definitions of Broker and Brokering Activities

The definitions in current § 129.2(a) and (b) would be amended to clarify the terms “broker” and “brokering activities.” The revision also would more closely track the statutory definition of brokering activities in the Arms Export Control Act, which provides that brokering activities shall include the financing, transportation, freight forwarding, or taking of any other action that facilitates the manufacture, export, or import of a defense article or defense service. The proposal would delete the phrase “who acts as an agent for others” that is in the current regulatory definition of “broker,” but is not in the definition of “brokering activities” in the Arms Export Control Act. Under current definitions, part 129 applies to U.S. persons who conduct brokering activities in the U.S. or abroad. It also applies to foreign persons who conduct brokering activities in the U.S., or abroad if subject to U.S. jurisdiction. Proposed § 129.2(d)(3)–(5) clearly indicate when a foreign person’s brokering activities are subject to the ITAR.

New § 129.2(e)(3) would clarify that brokering does not include activities that do not extend beyond administrative services such as providing or arranging office space and equipment, hospitality, advertising, or clerical, visa, or translation services, or does not include activities beyond the provision of legal advice by an attorney to his client.

Brokering and U.S. Government Employees

New § 129.2(e)(1) would continue to exclude from the definition of “brokering activities” actions by U.S. persons in the United States that are limited to facilitating U.S. domestic sales or transfers. New § 129.2 (e)(2) would add a new exclusion from the definition of “brokering activities” for such activities by employees of the U.S. Government acting in an official capacity. The proposed exclusion would clarify that the U.S. Government and its officers or employees acting in an official capacity are not merely exempt from the requirements to register and obtain licenses, but rather are not covered by part 129 at all.