DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2003-16498; Airspace Docket No. 03-ACE-82]

Modification of Class E Airspace; Mount Pleasant, IA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of the direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Mount Pleasant, IA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, February 19, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE–520C, DOT Regional Headquarters Building, Federal Aviation Administration, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 329–2525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the Federal Register on December 2, 2003 (68 FR 67357) and subsequently published a correction to the direct final rule in the Federal Register on December 8, 2003 (68 FR 68449). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a noncontroversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on February 19, 2004. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

Issued in Kansas City, MO, on January 5, 2004.

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[Docket No. FAA-2003-16763; Airspace Docket No. 03-ACE-100]

Modification of Class E Airspace; Springfield, MO

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for

comments.

SUMMARY: New and amended Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) have been developed to serve Springfield-Branson Regional Airport, Springfield, MO. The Springfield-Branson Regional Airport airport reference point (ARP) has been redefined. These actions require modifications to Springfield, MO controlled airspace in order to provide airspace required for diverse departures and to protect aircraft executing SIAPs to Springfield-Branson Regional Airport. An examination of controlled airspace for Springfield, MO revealed discrepancies in the legal descriptions for the Springfield, MO Class E3 and Class E5 airspace areas. The intended effect of this rule is to provide controlled airspace of appropriate dimensions to protect aircraft departing from and executing SIAPs to Springfield-Branson Regional Airport. The Class E5 area is enlarged, discrepancies in the legal descriptions of Springfield, MO Class E3 and Class E5 airspace areas are corrected and the airspace areas and their legal descriptions are brought into compliance with FAA Orders.

DATES: This direct final rule is effective on 0901 UTC, April 15, 2004, Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before January 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2003-16763/ Airspace Docket No. 03-ACE-100, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except

Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1–800–647–5527) is on the plaza level of the Department of Transportation NASSIF Building at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment to 14 CFR 71 modifies the Class E airspace area extending upward from the surface designated as an extension to the Class C airspace surface area (Class E3) and the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface (Class E5) at Springfield, MO. RNAV (GPS) RWY 2, ORIGINAL SIAP; RNAV (GPS) RWY 20, ORIGINAL SIAP; RNAV (GPS) RWY 14, Amendment 1 SIAP; and RNAV (GPS) RWY 32, Amendment 1 SIAP have been developed to serve Springfield-Branson Regional Airport. The Springfield-Branson Regional Airport ARP has been redefined. The Springfield, MO Class E5 airspace area must be enlarged from a 6.7-mile radius of Springfield-Branson Regional Airport to a 6.9-mile radius in order to comply with the criteria for 700 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) airspace required for diverse departures and to contain aircraft executing SIAPs. An examination of controlled airspace for Springfield, MO revealed discrepancies in the legal descriptions for the Springfield, MO class E3 and Class E5 airspace areas. The Springfield-Branson Regional Airport ARP and the location of the Springfield collocated very high frequency omni-directional radio range and tactical air navigational aid (VORTAC) must be amended in the Springfield, MO Class E3 and Class E5 legal descriptions to reflect current data. This action corrects the discrepancies and brings the airspace areas and their legal descriptions into compliance with FAA Order 7400.2E, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters. The areas will be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts. class E airspace areas consisting of airspace extending upward from the surface and designated as an extension to a Class C surface area are published in paragraph 6003 of FAA Order 7400.9L, dated September 2, 2003, and effective September 16, 2003, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of the same FAA Order. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document