(g) Retained Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program, With a New Terminating Action

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (j) of AD 2022-22-10, with a new terminating action. For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before February 2, 2022, except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2022-0082, dated May 10, 2022 (EASA AD 2022-0082). Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by paragraph (j) of this AD terminates the requirements of this paragraph.

(h) Retained Exceptions to EASA AD 2022–0082, With No Changes

This paragraph restates the exceptions specified in paragraph (k) of AD 2022–22–10, with no changes.

- (1) Where EASA AD 2022–0082 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using December 30, 2022 (the effective date of AD 2022–22–10).
- (2) The requirements specified in paragraph (1) of EASA AD 2022–0082 do not apply to this AD.
- (3) Paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2022–0082 specifies revising "the approved AMP" within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, within 90 days after December 30, 2022 (the effective date of AD 2022–22–10).
- (4) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2022–0082 is at the applicable "limitations" as incorporated by the requirements of paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2022–0082, or within 90 days after December 30, 2022 (the effective date of AD 2022–22–10), whichever occurs later.
- (5) The provisions specified in paragraphs (3) and (4) of EASA AD 2022–0082 do not apply to this AD.
- (6) The "Remarks" section of EASA AD 2022–0082 does not apply to this AD.

(i) Retained Restrictions on Alternative Actions and Intervals, With a New Exception

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (l) of AD 2022–22–10, with a new exception. Except as required by paragraph (j) of this AD, after the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) and intervals are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the "Ref. Publications" section of EASA AD 2022–0082.

(j) New Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program

Except as specified in paragraph (k) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2024–0066, dated March 8, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0066). Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required

by this paragraph terminates the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD.

(k) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024-0066

- (1) This AD does not adopt the requirements specified in paragraph (1) of EASA AD 2024–0066.
- (2) Paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2024–0066 specifies revising "the approved AMP," within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, within 90 days after the effective date of this AD.
- (3) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2024–0066 is at the applicable "limitations" as incorporated by the requirements of paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2024–0066, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.
- (4) This AD does not adopt the provisions specified in paragraphs (3) and (4) of EASA AD 2024–0066.
- (5) This AD does not adopt the "Remarks" section of EASA AD 2024–0066.

(l) New Provisions for Alternative Actions and Intervals

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (j) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) and intervals are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the "Ref. Publications" section of EASA AD 2024–0066.

(m) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

- (1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, 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 responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (n) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov.
- (i) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.
- (ii) AMOCs approved previously for AD 2022–22–10 are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding provisions of EASA AD 2022–0082 that are required by paragraph (g) of this AD.
- (iii) AMOCs approved previously for AD 2022–22–10 are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding provisions of EASA AD 2024–0066 that are required by paragraph (j) of this AD.
- (2) Contacting the Manufacturer: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS's EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA,

the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(n) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Timothy Dowling, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 206–231–3367; email: timothy.p.dowling@faa.gov.

(o) Material Incorporated by Reference

- (1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.
- (2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.
- (3) The following material was approved for IBR on March 17, 2025.
- (i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0066, dated March 8, 2024.
- (ii) [Reserved](4) The following material was approved or IBR on December 30, 2022 (87 FR 72374
- for IBR on December 30, 2022 (87 FR 72374, November 25, 2022).
- (i) EASA AD 2022–0082, dated May 10, 2022.
 - (ii) [Reserved]
- (5) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; website easa.europa.eu. You may find this material on the EASA website at ad.easa.europa.eu.
- (6) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.
- (7) You may view this material at 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.

Issued on January 15, 2025.

Suzanne Masterson,

Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2024-1848; Airspace Docket No. 24-ASO-10]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment and Revocation of Domestic Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airways; Eastern United States

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends domestic Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airways V-3, V-35, V-51, V-97, V-157, V-159, V-225, V-437, V-492, V-521, and V-537 and revokes VOR Federal Airways V-295, V-529, and V-601 in the eastern United States. The FAA is taking this action due to the planned decommissioning of the Cypress, FL (CYY), VOR/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME); the La Belle, FL (LBV), VOR/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC): the Pahokee, FL (PHK), VOR/DME; and the Treasure, FL (TRV), VORTAC. This action is in support of the FAA's VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) Program. DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, April 17, 2025. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51,

conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available

subject to the annual revision of FAA

Order JO 7400.11 and publication of

24 hours each day, 365 days each year. FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Policy Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Vidis, Rules and Regulations Group, Policy Directorate, Federal

Group, Policy Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, section 106 describes the authority of 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 regulation is within the scope of that authority as it modifies the Air Traffic Service (ATS) route structure as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the National Airspace System.

History

The FAA published a NPRM for Docket No. FAA 2024–1848 in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 58299; July 18, 2024), proposing to amend domestic VOR Federal Airways V–3, V–35, V–51, V–97, V–157, V–159, V–225, V–437, V–492, V–521, and V–537 and revoke VOR Federal Airways V–295, V–529, and V–601 in the eastern United States. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Differences From the NPRM

Subsequent the NPRM, the FAA identified that in the description of VOR Federal Airway V-3, the radials listed for the SMUGS, FL, Fix, proposed to replace the Treasure, FL (TRV), VORTAC were incorrect. The SMUGS Fix was incorrectly listed as the intersection of the Palm Beach, FL (PBI), VORTAC 340° True (T)/343° Magnetic (M) and the Lee County, FL (RSW), VORTAC 063°T/065°M radials. The correct radials for the SMUGS Fix are the intersection of the Palm Beach, FL (PBI), VORTAC 340°T/343°M and the Melbourne, FL (MLB), VOR/DME 161°T/168°M radials. The corrected radials that form the SMUGS Fix are included in the V-3 preamble discussion and regulatory text section in this final rule.

Additionally, the FAA made minor editorial corrections to the airway descriptions to comply with ATS route formatting requirements.

Incorporation by Reference

Domestic VOR Federal Airways are published in paragraph 6010(a) of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11J, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024. FAA Order JO 7400.11J is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. These amendments will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11.

FAÁ Order JO 7400.11J lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by amending VOR Federal Airways V–3, V–35, V–51, V–97, V–157, V–159, V–225, V–437, V–492, V–521, and V–537; and revoking VOR Federal Airways V–295, V–529, and V–601 in the eastern United States. This action is due to the decommissioning of the Cypress, FL (CYY), VOR/DME; the La Belle, FL (LBV), VORTAC; the Pahokee, FL (PHK), VOR/DME; and the Treasure, FL (TRV), VORTAC. This action is in support of the FAA's VOR MON Program. The ATS route changes are described below.

V−3: Prior to this final rule, V−3 extended between the Key West, FL (EYW), VORTAC and the intersection of the Savannah, GA (SAV), VORTAC 028° and Allendale, SC (ALD), VOR 116° radials (OWENS Fix); between the Florence, SC (FLO), VORTAC and the Boston, MA (BOS), VOR/DME; and between the Presque Isle, ME (PQI), VOR/DME and the intersection of the Presque Isle VOR/DME 270° and the Millinocket, ME (MLT), VOR/DME 320° radials (LABRE Fix). The FAA removes the Treasure, FL (TRV), VORTAC from the route and replaces it with the intersection of the Palm Beach, FL (PBI), VORTAC 340° T/343° M and the Melbourne, FL (MLB), VOR/DME 161°T/168°M radials (SMUGS, FL, Fix) due to the scheduled decommissioning of the Treasure VORTAC.

Additionally, the FAA removes the airway segment between the Presque Isle VOR/DME and the LABRE Fix near the United States (U.S.)/Canadian border. The airway structure that connected to the LABRE Fix on the Canadian side of the border has been removed so this airway segment was no longer needed for navigation. As amended, the route extends between the Key West VORTAC and the OWENS Fix; and between the Florence VORTAC and the Boston VOR/DME.

V–35: Prior to this final rule, V–35 extended between the Dolphin, FL (DHP), VORTAC and the Pecan, GA (PZD), VOR/DME; between the intersection of the Dublin, GA (DBN), VORTAC 309° and the Athens, GA (AHN), VOR/DME 195° radials (SINCA Fix) and the Morgantown, WV (MGW), VOR/DME; and between the Philipsburg, PA (PSB), VORTAC and the Stonyfork, PA (SFK), VOR/DME. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Dolphin VORTAC and the Lee County, FL (RSW), VORTAC due to the scheduled decommissioning of the Cypress, FL (CYY), VOR/DME. As amended, the route extends between the Lee County VORTAC and the Pecan

VOR/DME, between the SINCA Fix and the Morgantown VOR/DME, and between the Philipsburg VORTAC and the Stonyfork VOR/DME.

V-51: Prior to this final rule, V-51extended between the Pahokee, FL (PHK), VOR/DME and the Craig, FL (CRG), VORTAC; between the Hinch Mountain, TN (HCH), VOR/DME and the Louisville, KY (IIU), VORTAC; and between the Shelbyville, IN (SHB), VOR/DME and the Chicago Heights, IL (CGT), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Pahokee VOR/DME and the Ormond Beach, FL (OMN), VORTAC due to the scheduled decommissioning of the Pahokee VOR/ DME and the Treasure, FL (TRV), VORTAC. As amended, the route extends between the Ormond Beach VORTAC and the Craig VORTAC; between the Hinch Mountain VOR/DME and the Louisville VORTAC; and between the Shelbyville VOR/DME and the Chicago Heights VORTAC.

V-97: Prior to this final rule, V-97 extended between the Dolphin, FL (DHP), VORTAC and the intersection of the Pecan, GA (PZD), VOR/DME 357° and Vienna, GA (VNA), VORTAC 300° radials (PRATZ Fix); between the intersection of the Rome, GA (RMG), VORTAC 060° and the Volunteer, TN (VXV), VORTAC 197° radials (NELLO Fix) and the intersection of the Chicago Heights, IL (CGT), VORTAC 358° and DuPage, IL (DPA), VOR/DME 101° radials (NILES Fix); and between the Nodine, MN (ODI), VORTAC and the Gopher, MN (GEP), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Dolphin VORTAC and the St. Petersburg, FL (PIE), VORTAC due to the scheduled decommissioning of the La Belle, FL (LBV), VORTAC. As amended, the route extends between the St. Petersburg VORTAC and the PRATZ Fix; between the NELLO Fix and the NILES Fix; and between the Nodine VORTAC and the Gopher VORTAC.

V–157: Prior to this final rule, *V–157* extended between the Key West, FL (EYW), VORTAC and the Waycross, GA (AYS), VORTAC; between the Florence, SC (FLO), VORTAC and the Tar River, NC (TYI), VORTAC; and between Robbinsville, NJ (RBV), VORTAC and the Albany, NY (ALB), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Dolphin, FL (DHP), VORTAC and the Lakeland, FL (LAL), VORTAC due to the scheduled decommissioning of the La Belle, FL (LBV), VORTAC. As amended, the route extends between the Key West VORTAC and the Dolphin VORTAC; between the Lakeland VORTAC and the Waycross VORTAC; between the Florence VORTAC and the Tar River VORTAC;

and between the Robbinsville VORTAC and the Albany VORTAC.

V-159: Prior to this final rule, V-159 extended between the Virginia Key, FL (VKZ), VOR/DME and the Vulcan, AL (VUZ), VORTAC; and between the Holly Springs, MS (HLI), VORTAC and the Omaha, IA (OVR), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Virginia Key VOR/DME and the intersection of the Melbourne, FL (MLB), VOR/DME 269° T/276° M and the Orlando, FL (ORL), VORTAC 140° radials (DEARY Fix) due to the scheduled decommissioning of the Treasure, FL (TRV), VORTAC. As amended, the route extends between the DEARY Fix and the Vulcan VORTAC; and between the Holly Springs VORTAC and the Omaha VORTAC.

V–225: Prior to this final rule, V–225 extended between the Key West, FL (EYW), VORTAC and the Treasure, FL (TRV), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Lee County, FL (RSW), VORTAC and the Treasure VORTAC due to the scheduled decommissioning of the La Belle, FL (LBV), VORTAC and the Treasure VORTAC. Additionally, the FAA removes the specified floor of controlled airspace along the route as it is no longer valid and removes the portion of the route's description that reads "The portion of V-225 E alternate outside of the United States has no upper limit", as V–225 E alternate no longer exists. As amended, the route extends between the Key West VORTAC and the Lee County VORTAC.

V-295: Prior to this final rule, V-295 extended between the Virginia Key, FL (VKZ), VOR/DME and the Seminole, FL (SZW), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Virginia Key VOR/DME and the Orlando, FL (ORL), VORTAC due to the scheduled decommissioning of the Treasure, FL (TRV), VORTAC. Additionally, the FAA removes the airway segments between the Orlando VORTAC and the Seminole VORTAC due to redundant navigation capability provided by VOR Federal Airways V-159 and V-7. The FAA removes the route in its entirety. V-437: Prior to this final rule, V-437

V-437: Prior to this final rule, V-437 extended between the Dolphin, FL (DHP), VORTAC and the Florence, SC (FLO), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Dolphin VORTAC and the Melbourne, FL (MLB), VOR/DME due to the scheduled decommissioning of the Pahokee, FL (PHK), VOR/DME. As amended, the route extends between the Melbourne VOR/DME and the Florence VORTAC.

V-492: Prior to this final rule, V-492 extended between the La Belle, FL (LBV), VORTAC and the Melbourne, FL

(MLB), VOR/DME. The FAA removes the airway segments between the La Belle VORTAC and the Palm Beach, FL (PBI), VORTAC due to the scheduled decommissioning of the La Belle VORTAC and the Pahokee, FL (PHK), VOR/DME. As amended, the route extends between the Palm Beach VORTAC and the Melbourne VOR/DME.

V–521: Prior to this final rule, V–521 extended between the Dolphin, FL (DHP), VORTAC and the Vulcan, AL (VUZ), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Dolphin VORTAC and the Lee County, FL (RSW), VORTAC due to the scheduled decommissioning of the La Belle, FL (LBV), VORTAC. Additionally, the FAA removes the airway segments between the Lee County VORTAC and the Marianna, FL (MAI), VORTAC due to redundant navigation capability provided by VOR Federal Airways V-7 and V-198. As amended, the route extends between the Marianna VORTAC and the Vulcan VORTAC.

V-529: Prior to this final rule, V-529 extended between the intersection of the Miami, FL, VOR 222° and the La Belle, FL (LBV), VORTAC 158° radials (FAMIN Fix) and the La Belle, VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway in its entirety due to the scheduled decommissioning of the La Belle VORTAC.

V-537: Prior to this final rule, V-537 extended between the Palm Beach, FL (PBI), VORTAC and the Greenville, FL (GEF), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segments between the Palm Beach VORTAC and the intersection of the Melbourne, FL (MLB), VOR/DME 269° T/276° M and the Orlando, FL (ORL), VORTAC 140° T/140° M radials (DEARY Fix) due to the scheduled decommissioning of the Treasure, FL (TRV), VORTAC. As amended, the route extends between the DEARY Fix and the Greenville VORTAC.

V-601: Prior to this final rule, V–601 extended between the Pahokee, FL (PHK), VOR/DME and the Key West, FL (EYW), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway in its entirety due to the scheduled decommissioning of the Pahokee VOR/DME.

The navigational aid radials listed in the VOR Federal airway description regulatory text of this final rule are stated in degrees True north.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

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. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action of amending domestic VOR Federal Airways V-3, V-35, V-51, V-97, V-157, V-159, V-225, V-437, V-492, V-521, and V-537 and revoking VOR Federal Airways V-295, V-529, and V-601 in the eastern United States, qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500, and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points (see 14 CFR part 71, Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes; and Reporting Points); and paragraph 5-6.5b, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review "Actions regarding establishment of jet routes and Federal airways (see 14 CFR 71.15, Designation of jet routes and VOR Federal airways) . . . ". As such, this airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts. In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, paragraph 5-2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, the FAA has reviewed this action for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis. Accordingly, the FAA has determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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(f): 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 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways.

V-3 [Amended]

From Key West, FL; INT Key West 083° and Dolphin, FL, 191° radials; Dolphin; Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Palm Beach, FL; INT Palm Beach 340° and Melbourne, FL, 161° radials; Melbourne; Ormond Beach, FL; Brunswick, GA; INT Brunswick 014° and Savannah, GA, 177° radials; Savannah; to INT Savannah 028° and Allendale, SC, 116° radials. From Florence, SC; Sandhills, NC; Raleigh-Durham, NC; INT Raleigh-Durham 016° and Flat Rock, VA, 214° radials; Flat Rock; Gordonsville, VA; INT Gordonsville 331° and Martinsburg, WV, 216° radials; Martinsburg; Westminster, MD; INT Westminster 048° and Modena, PA, 258° radials; Modena; Solberg, NJ; INT Solberg 044° and Carmel, NY, 243° radials: Carmel: Hartford, CT: INT Hartford 084° and Boston, MA, 224° radials; to Boston. The airspace within R-2916, R-2934, and R-2935 is excluded.

V-35 [Amended]

From Lee County, FL; INT Lee County 326° and St. Petersburg, FL, 152° radials; St. Petersburg; INT St. Petersburg 350° and Cross City, FL, 168° radials; Cross City; Greenville, FL; to Pecan, GA. From INT Dublin, GA, 309° and Athens, GA, 195° radials; Athens; Electric City, SC; Sugarloaf Mountain, NC; Holston Mountain, TN; Glade Spring, VA; Charleston, WV; INT Charleston 051° and Elkins, WV, 264° radials; Clarksburg, WV; to Morgantown, WV. From Philipsburg, PA; to Stonyfork, PA.

V-51 [Amended]

From Ormond Beach, FL; to Craig, FL. From Hinch Mountain, TN; Livingston, TN; to Louisville, KY. From Shelbyville, IN; INT Shelbyville 313° and Boiler, IN, 136° radials; Boiler; to Chicago Heights, IL.

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V-97 [Amended]

From St. Petersburg, FL; Seminole, FL; Pecan, GA; to INT Pecan 357° and Vienna, GA 300° radials. From INT Rome, GA 060° and Volunteer, TN, 197° radials; Volunteer; London, KY; Lexington, KY; Cincinnati, KY; Shelbyville, IN; INT Shelbyville 313°and Boiler, IN, 136° radials; Boiler; Chicago Heights, IL; to INT Chicago Heights 358° and DuPage, IL, 101° radials. From Nodine, MN; to Gopher, MN. The airspace below 2,000 feet MSL outside the United States is excluded.

V-157 [Amended]

From Kev West, FL; INT Kev West 038° and Dolphin, FL, 244° radials; to Dolphin. From Lakeland, FL; Ocala, FL; INT Ocala 346° and Taylor, FL, 170° radials; Taylor; to Waycross, GA. From Florence, SC; Fayetteville, NC; Kinston, NC; to Tar River, NC. From Robbinsville, NJ; INT Robbinsville 044° and LaGuardia, NY, 213° radials; LaGuardia; INT LaGuardia 032° and Deer Park, NY, 326° radials; INT Deer Park 326° and Kingston, NY, 191° radials; Kingston; to Albany, NY.

V-159 [Amended]

From INT Melbourne, FL, 269° and Orlando, FL, 140° radials; Orlando; Ocala, FL; Cross City, FL; Greenville, FL; Pecan, GA; Eufaula, AL; INT Eufaula 320° and Vulcan, AL, 139° radials to Vulcan. From Holly Springs, MS; Gilmore, AR; Walnut Ridge, AR; Dogwood, MO; Springfield, MO; Napoleon, MÖ; INT Napoleon 005° and St. Joseph, MO, 122° radials; St. Joseph; to Omaha, IA. *

V-225 [Amended]

From Key West, FL; to Lee County, FL.

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V-295 [Removed]

V-437 [Amended]

From Melbourne, FL; INT Melbourne 322° and Ormond Beach, FL, 211° radials; Ormond Beach; INT Ormond Beach 360° and Savannah, GA, 177° radials; Savannah; INT Savannah 054° and Charleston, SC, 231° radials; Charleston; to Florence, SC. The airspace within R-2935 is excluded.

V-492 [Amended]

From Palm Beach, FL; INT Palm Beach 356° and Melbourne, FL, 146° radials, to Melbourne.

V-521 [Amended]

From Marianna, FL; Wiregrass, AL; INT Wiregrass 333° and Montgomery, AL, 129° radials; Montgomery; INT Montgomery 357° and Vulcan, AL, 139° radials; to Vulcan.

V-529 [Removed]

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V-537 [Amended]

From INT Melbourne, FL, 269° and Orlando, FL, 140° radials; INT Orlando 140° and Melbourne 298° radials; INT Melbourne 298° and Ocala, FL, 145° radials; Ocala; Gators, FL; to Greenville, FL.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 961

Debt Collection Act Petitions Against Current Employees

AGENCY: Postal Service. **ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amends the rules of practice prescribed by the Judicial Officer for ease of understanding and to reflect current practice.

DATES: Effective February 10, 2025. **ADDRESSES:** Postal Service Judicial Officer Department, 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201–3078.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Staff Counsel Zahava Colicelli at (708) 812–1927.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Judicial Officer Department reviewed its rules for Debt Collection Act Petitions and found it necessary to make some revisions for the reader's ease of understanding. Some changes also reflect current practices.

B. Explanation of Changes

Amendments to 39 CFR Part 961

The rule is revised for better ease of understanding and to reflect current practices.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 961

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Government employees, Wages.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated, the Postal Service revises 39 CFR part 961 to read as follows:

PART 961—DEBT COLLECTION ACT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CURRENT EMPLOYEES

Sec.

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Authority: 39 U.S.C. 204, 401; 5 U.S.C. 5514.

§ 961.1 (Rule 1) Authority for rules in this part.

This part is issued by the Judicial Officer under authority delegated by the Postmaster General.

§ 961.2 (Rule 2) Scope of rules in this part.

This part applies to:

- (a) The hearing provided by section 5 of the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 5514, and in accordance with the Employee and Labor Relations Manual, sections 450 and 460, challenging the existence, amount, or the repayment schedule of an employee debt to the Postal Service; or
- (b) A hearing under section 5 of the Debt Collection Act when the Judicial Officer Department adjudicates a petition for a creditor agency under an agreement between the Postal Service and that agency. In such cases, all references to Postal Service in this part will be construed to refer to the creditor agency.

§ 961.3 (Rule 3) Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (a) *Employee*. A current Postal Service employee who is alleged to be indebted to the Postal Service.
- (b) General Counsel. The General Counsel of the Postal Service or the General Counsel's designee.
- (c) Hearing Official. (1) An Administrative Law Judge qualified to hear cases under the Administrative Procedure Act;
- (2) An Administrative Judge appointed under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended; or
- (3) Any other qualified person who is not under the control or supervision of the Postmaster General and is designated by the Judicial Officer to conduct the hearing.
- (d) *Judicial Officer*. The Judicial Officer, Associate Judicial Officer, or

Acting Judicial Officer of the Postal Service.

- (e) Notice of involuntary administrative salary offset. The formal written notice required by section 5 of the Debt Collection Act, including the provision of notice of the procedures under this part, before involuntary offset may be taken from an employee's salary.
 - (f) Days. Calendar days.
- (g) Recorder. The Recorder, Judicial Officer Department, United States Postal Service, located at 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201–3078. The Recorder's telephone number is (703) 812–1900, and the fax number is (703) 812–1901.

§ 961.4 (Rule 4) Employee petition for a hearing.

(a) If an employee wants to challenge the existence, amount, or repayment schedule of a debt assessed under section 5 of the Debt Collection Act, the employee or their representative must file a written petition electronically at https://usps-

judicialoffice.journaltech.com, or by mail at Recorder, Judicial Officer Department, United States Postal Service, 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201-3078. The petition must be filed on or before the 15th day following the receipt of the Postal Service's notice of involuntary administrative salary offset. The Hearing Official may waive this deadline for good cause timely shown. If the Postal Service initiated involuntary administrative salary offset without issuing a notice as required by the Debt Collection Act, the Hearing Official may retain authority to resolve the debt assessment as if a notice had been issued and may order the Postal Service to return any improperly offset money.

- (b) A sample petition is available at the Judicial Officer Electronic Filing website (https://uspsjudicialoffice.journaltech.com). The petition should include the following:
- (1) The words "Petition for Hearing under the Debt Collection Act" at the top of the first page.
- (2) The employee's name, work address, home address, primary telephone number, email address, and, if applicable, any other address and telephone number at which the employee may be contacted during normal business hours.
- (3) The date on which the employee received the notice of involuntary administrative salary offset.
- (4) A copy of the notice of involuntary administrative salary offset.
- (5) A statement indicating whether the employee challenges: