

(b) An owner/operator (pilot) holding at least a private pilot certificate may perform the visual check required by paragraph (a) but must enter compliance with paragraph (a) into the aircraft records in accordance with 14 CFR 43.11 and 91.417(a)(2)(v)).

(c) Within 25 hours time-in-service (TIS) and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 50 hours TIS, visually inspect any tail boom with 600 or more hours TIS for a crack using a 10X or higher magnifying glass, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, Part II, of Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Alert Service Bulletin 407-99-26, dated April 13, 1999, except that you are not required to contact Bell Helicopter Product Support Engineering. If a crack is found, replace the tail boom with an airworthy tail boom before further flight.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Regulations Group, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Regulations Group.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Regulations Group.

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the helicopter to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(f) The inspection of the tail boom shall be done in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, Part II, of Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Alert Service Bulletin 407-99-26, dated April 13, 1999. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Bell Helicopter Textron Canada, 12,800 Rue de l'Avenir, Mirabel, Quebec JON1LO, telephone (800) 463-3036, fax (514) 433-0272. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(g) This amendment becomes effective on April 14, 2000.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Transport Canada (Canada) AD CF-99-17, dated June 14, 1999.

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Henry A. Armstrong,

Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-49]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Cameron, MO

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Cameron, MO.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 64 FR 72925 is effective on 0901 UTC, April 20, 2000.

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 29, 1999 (64 FR 72925). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial 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 April 20, 2000. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

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Herman J. Lyons, Jr.,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

14 CFR Part 255

[Docket No. OST-2000-6984]

RIN 2105-AC75

Third Extension of Computer Reservations Systems (CRS) Regulations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department is revising its rules governing airline computer reservations systems (CRSs), 14 CFR part 255, to change the rules' expiration date for a third time. This revision changes the date from March 31, 2000, to March 31, 2001, to keep the rules from terminating on March 31, 2000. The rules will thus remain in effect while the Department continues its reexamination of the need for CRS regulations. The Department finds that the current rules should be maintained because they are necessary for promoting airline competition and helping to ensure that consumers and their travel agents can obtain complete and accurate information on airline services. The Department previously extended the rules from December 31, 1997, to March 31, 1999, and from March 31, 1999, to March 31, 2000.

DATES: This rule is effective on March 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Ray, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4731.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To ensure that we periodically review the need for our CRS rules and their effectiveness, section 255.12 of the rules establishes a sunset date. The original sunset date was December 31, 1997. We have changed the rules' expiration date twice before, once to March 31, 1999, 62 FR 66272 (December 18, 1997), and then to March 31, 2000, 64 FR 15127 (March 30, 1999).

We are now changing the sunset date to March 31, 2001, because we have been unable to complete our reexamination of the current rules by March 31, 2000. Given our view that the current rules should be maintained pending our reexamination of the need for rules, we proposed to change the rules' expiration date to March 31, 2001, and gave interested persons an opportunity to comment on that proposal. 65 FR 11009 (March 1, 2000).