

compliance with the requirements of paragraph (f)(2) of this AD.

FAA AD Differences

Note: This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows: No differences.

Other FAA AD Provisions

(g) The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Send information to ATTN: Shahram Daneshmandi, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-1112; fax (425) 227-1149. Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO.

(2) *Airworthy Product:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer or other source, use these actions if they are FAA-approved. Corrective actions are considered FAA-approved if they are approved by the State of Design Authority (or their delegated agent). You are required to assure the product is airworthy before it is returned to service.

(3) *Reporting Requirements:* For any reporting requirement in this AD, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements and has assigned OMB Control Number 2120-0056.

Related Information

(h) Refer to MCAI European Aviation Safety Agency Airworthiness Directive 2008-0031, dated February 15, 2008; Saab 2000 Service Bulletin 2000-28-013, dated October 11, 2007; and Saab 2000 Service Bulletin 2000-28-014, Revision 02, dated January 23, 2008; for related information.

Material Incorporated by Reference

(i) You must use Saab 2000 Service Bulletin 2000-28-013, dated October 11, 2007; and Saab 2000 Service Bulletin 2000-28-014, Revision 02, dated January 23, 2008; as applicable; to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this service information under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Saab Aircraft AB, SAAB Aerosystems, SE-581.88, Linköping, Sweden; telephone 011 46 13 18 5591; fax 011 46 13 18 4874; e-mail <http://www.saab2000.techsupport@saabgroup.com>; Internet <http://www.saabgroup.com>.

(3) You may review copies at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2007-28391; Airspace Docket No. 07-AAL-10]

Modification to the Norton Sound Low, Woody Island Low, Control 1234L and Control 1487L Offshore Airspace Areas; AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the following four Offshore Airspace Areas in Alaska: Norton Sound Low, Woody Island Low, Control 1234L and Control 1487L. This action lowers the airspace floors to provide additional controlled airspace for aircraft instrument flight rule (IFR) operations at Alaska airports.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 0901 UTC, January 15, 2009. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken McElroy, Airspace and Rules Group, Office of System Operations Airspace and AIM, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On Wednesday July 30, 2008, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking to modify four Alaskan Offshore Airspace Areas: Norton Sound Low, Woody Island Low, Control 1234L and Control 1487L (73 FR 44201). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received. A review of

the airspace description revealed that it contained two items that were unnecessary. The Norton Sound Low 1,200 foot description for Selawik, AK, is not required. Similarly, the 1,200 ft. description for Control 1234L had duplicate references to Eareckson Air Force Station. These two items are addressed in the airspace descriptions below. With the exception of editorial changes, this amendment is the same as that proposed in the NPRM.

These airspace areas are published in paragraph 6007 of FAA Order 7400.9R, signed August 15, 2007, and effective September 15, 2007, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Offshore Airspace Areas listed in this document will be published subsequently in the order.

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 modifying the Norton Sound Low, Woody Island Low, Control 1234L, and Control 1487L Offshore Airspace Areas, AK. The Norton Sound Low Offshore Airspace Area is being modified by lowering the offshore airspace floor to 1,200 feet mean sea level (MSL) at the following airports: within 78 miles of Buckland; within 73 miles of Chevak; within 74 miles of Kotzebue; within 73 miles of Noatak; and within 73 miles of Port Heiden. In addition, the Norton Sound Low Offshore Airspace area is being lowered to 700 feet MSL at Port Heiden Airport.

The Woody Island Low Offshore Airspace Area is being modified in the vicinity of the Kodiak, Middleton Island and Port Heiden Airports by lowering the offshore airspace floor to 1,200 feet MSL within 73 miles of Kodiak and Port Heiden Airports, and within 42 miles of Middleton Island Airport.

Additionally, the Control 1234L Offshore Airspace area is being modified by lowering the offshore airspace floor to 700 feet above the surface within 6.3 miles, and 1,200 feet above the surface within 45 miles, of Nikolski Airport; and within 1,200 feet above the surface within 73 miles of Port Heiden Airport.

Finally, this action modifies the Control 1487L Offshore Airspace Area by lowering the offshore airspace floor to 1,200 feet MSL within 73 miles of Kodiak Airport, and corrects an error in one coordinate adjoining the Woody Island Low Control Area. This correction will align the adjoining airspaces.

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. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under Department of Transportation (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 that this rule, when promulgated, will 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 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 with the scope of that authority as it provides additional controlled airspace for aircraft IFR operations at Alaska airports.

ICAO Considerations

As part of this action relates to navigable airspace outside the United States, this notice is submitted in accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) International Standards and Recommended Practices.

The application of International Standards and Recommended Practices by the FAA, Office of System Operations Airspace and AIM, Airspace & Rules, in areas outside the United States domestic airspace, is governed by the Convention on International Civil Aviation. Specifically, the FAA is governed by Article 12 and Annex 11, which pertain to the establishment of necessary air navigational facilities and services to promote the safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of civil air traffic. The purpose of Article 12 and Annex 11 is to ensure that civil aircraft operations on international air routes are performed under uniform conditions.

The International Standards and Recommended Practices in Annex 11 apply to airspace under the jurisdiction of a contracting state, derived from ICAO. Annex 11 provisions apply when

air traffic services are provided and a contracting state accepts the responsibility of providing air traffic services over high seas or in airspace of undetermined sovereignty.

A contracting state accepting this responsibility may apply the International Standards and Recommended Practices that are consistent with standards and practices utilized in its domestic jurisdiction.

In accordance with Article 3 of the Convention, state-owned aircraft are exempt from the Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 11. The United States is a contracting state to the Convention. Article 3(d) of the Convention provides that participating state aircraft will be operated in international airspace with due regard for the safety of civil aircraft. Since this action involves, in part, the designation of navigable airspace outside the United States, the Administrator has been reviewed by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 10854.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of 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 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 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.9R, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, signed August 15, 2007, and effective September 15, 2007 is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6007 Offshore Airspace Areas.

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Norton Sound Low, AK [Amended]

That airspace extending upward from 14,500 feet MSL within an area bounded by a line beginning at lat. 56°42'59" N., long. 160°00'00" W., north by a line 12 miles from and parallel to the U.S. coastline to the intersection with 164°00'00" W., longitude near the outlet to Kotzebue Sound, then north to the intersection with a point 12 miles from the U.S. coastline, then north by a line 12 miles from and parallel to the shoreline to lat. 68°00'00" N., to lat. 68°00'00" N., long. 168°58'23" W., to lat. 65°00'00" N., long. 168°58'23" W., to lat. 62°35'00" N., long. 175°00'00" W., to lat. 59°59'57" N., long. 168°00'08" W., to lat. 57°45'57" N., long. 161°46'08" W., to lat. 58°06'57" N., long. 160°00'00" W., to the point of beginning; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet MSL north of the Alaska Peninsula and east of 160° W. longitude within 73 miles of the Port Heiden NDB/DME, AK, and north of the Alaska Peninsula and east of 160° W. longitude within an 81.2-mile radius of Perryville Airport, AK, and north of the Alaska Peninsula and east of 160° W. longitude within a 72.8-mile radius of Chignik Airport, AK, and within a 35-mile radius of lat. 60°21'17" N., long. 165°04'01" W., and within a 73-mile radius of the Chevak Airport, AK, and within a 45-mile radius of Hooper Bay Airport, AK, and within a 73-mile radius of St. Michael Airport, AK, and within a 77.4-mile radius of the Nome VORTAC, AK, and within a 30-mile radius of lat. 66°09'58" N., long. 166°30'03" W., and within a 30-mile radius of lat. 66°19'55" N., long. 165°40'32" W., and within a 74-mile radius of the Kotzebue VOR/DME, AK, and within a 73-mile radius of the Noatak Airport, AK; and within a 71NM radius of New Stuyahok Airport, AK; and that airspace extending upward from 700 feet MSL within 8 miles west and 4 miles east of the 339° bearing from the Port Heiden NDB/DME, AK, extending from the Port Heiden NDB/DME, AK, to 20 miles north of the Port Heiden NDB/DME, AK, and within a 25-mile radius of Nome Airport, AK.

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Woody Island Low, AK [Amended]

That airspace extending upward from 14,500 feet MSL within the area bounded by a line beginning at lat. 53°30'00" N., long. 160°00'00" W., to lat. 56°00'00" N., long. 153°00'00" W., to lat. 56°45'42" N., long. 151°45'00" W., to lat. 58°19'58" N., long. 148°55'07" W., to lat. 59°08'34" N., long. 147°16'06" W., then clockwise via the 149.5-mile radius from the Anchorage, VOR/DME, AK, to the intersection with a point 12 miles from and parallel to the U.S. coastline, then southwest by a line 12 miles from and parallel to the U.S. coastline to the intersection with 160°00'00" W. longitude, to the point of beginning; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet MSL, within 73 miles of the Kodiak Airport, AK, and that airspace extending south and east of the Alaska Peninsula within a 72.8-mile radius of Chignik Airport, AK, and outside

(south) of the 149.5-mile radius of the Anchorage VOR/DME, AK, and within a 73-mile radius of Homer Airport, AK, and within a 42-mile radius of the Middleton Island VOR/DME, AK, and south and east of the Alaska Peninsula within an 81.2-mile radius of Perryville Airport, AK, and south of the Alaska Peninsula within a 73-mile radius of the Port Heiden NDB/DME, AK.

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Control 1234L [Amended]

That airspace extending upward from 2,000 feet above the surface within an area bounded by a line beginning at lat. 58°06'57" N., long. 160°00'00" W., then south along 160°00'00" W. longitude, until it intersects the Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) boundary; then southwest, northwest, north, and northeast along the Anchorage ARTCC boundary to lat. 62°35'00" N., long. 175°00'00" W., to lat. 59°59'57" N., long. 168°00'08" W., to lat. 57°45'57" N., long. 161°46'08" W., to the point of beginning; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 26.2-mile radius of Eareckson Air Station, AK, within an 11-mile radius of Adak Airport, AK, and within 16 miles of Adak Airport, AK, extending clockwise from the 033° bearing to the 081° bearing from the Mount Moffett NDB, AK, and within a 10-mile radius of Atka Airport, AK, and within a 10.6-mile radius from Cold Bay Airport, AK, and within 9 miles east and 4.3 miles west of the 321° bearing from Cold Bay Airport, AK, extending from the 10.6-mile radius to 20 miles northwest of Cold Bay Airport, AK, and 4 miles each side of the 070° bearing from Cold Bay Airport, AK, extending from the 10.6-mile radius to 13.6 miles northeast of Cold Bay Airport, AK, and west of 160° W. longitude within an 81.2-mile radius of Perryville Airport, AK, and within a 45-mile radius of the Nikolski Airport, AK, and west of 160° W. longitude within a 73-mile radius of the Port Heiden NDB/DME, AK, and within a 10-mile radius of St. George Airport, AK, and within a 73-mile radius of St. Paul Island Airport, AK, and within a 20-mile radius of Unalaska Airport, AK, extending clockwise from the 305° bearing from the Dutch Harbor NDB, AK, to the 075° bearing from the Dutch Harbor NDB, AK, and west of 160° W. longitude within a 25-mile radius of the Borland NDB/DME, AK, and west of 160° W. longitude within a 72.8-mile radius of Chignik Airport, AK; and that airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.9-mile radius of Eareckson Air Station, AK, and within a 7-mile radius of Adak Airport, AK, and within 5.2 miles northwest and 4.2 miles southeast of the 061° bearing from the Mount Moffett NDB, AK, extending from the 7-mile radius of Adak Airport, AK, to 11.5 miles northeast of Adak Airport, AK and within a 6.5-mile radius of King Cove Airport, and extending 1.2 miles either side of the 103° bearing from King Cove Airport from the 6.5-mile radius out to 8.8 miles, and within a 6.4-mile radius of the Atka Airport, AK, and within a 6.3-mile radius of Nelson Lagoon Airport, AK, and within a 6.3-mile radius of the Nikolski Airport, AK, and within a 6.4-mile radius of

Sand Point Airport, AK, and within 3 miles each side of the 172° bearing from the Borland NDB/DME, AK, extending from the 6.4-mile radius of Sand Point Airport, AK, to 13.9 miles south of Sand Point Airport, AK, and within 5 miles either side of the 318° bearing from the Borland NDB/DME, AK, extending from the 6.4-mile radius of Sand Point Airport, AK, to 17 miles northwest of Sand Point Airport, AK, and within 5 miles either side of the 324° bearing from the Borland NDB/DME, AK, extending from the 6.4-mile radius of Sand Point Airport, AK, to 17 miles northwest of the Sand Point Airport, AK, and within a 6.6-mile radius of St. George Airport, AK, and within an 8-mile radius of St. Paul Island Airport, AK, and 8 miles west and 6 miles east of the 360° bearing from St. Paul Island Airport, AK, to 14 miles north of St. Paul Island Airport, AK, and within 6 miles west and 8 miles east of the 172° bearing from St. Paul Island Airport, AK, to 15 miles south of St. Paul Island Airport, AK, and within a 6.4-mile radius of Unalaska Airport, AK, and within 2.9 miles each side of the 360° bearing from the Dutch Harbor NDB, AK, extending from the 6.4-mile radius of Unalaska Airport, AK, to 9.5 miles north of Unalaska Airport, AK; and that airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.6-mile radius of Cold Bay Airport, AK, and within 1.7 miles each side of the 150° bearing from Cold Bay Airport, AK, extending from the 4.6-mile radius to 7.7 miles southeast of Cold Bay Airport, AK, and within 3 miles west and 4 miles east of the 335° bearing from Cold Bay Airport, AK, extending from the 4.6-mile radius to 12.2 miles northwest of Cold Bay Airport, AK.

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Control 1487L [Amended]

That airspace extending upward from 8,000 feet MSL within 149.5 miles of the Anchorage VOR/DME clockwise from the 090° radial to the 185° radial of the Anchorage VOR/DME, AK; and that airspace extending upward from 5,500 feet MSL within the area bounded by a line beginning at lat. 58°19'58" N., long. 148°55'07" W.; to lat. 59°08'34" N., long. 147°16'06" W.; thence counterclockwise via the 149.5-mile radius of the Anchorage VOR/DME, AK, to the intersection with a point 12 miles from and parallel to the U.S. coastline; thence southeast 12 miles from and parallel to the U.S. coastline to a point 12 miles offshore on the Vancouver FIR boundary; to lat. 54°32'57" N., long. 133°11'29" W.; to lat. 54°00'00" N., long. 136°00'00" W.; to lat. 52°43'00" N., long. 135°00'00" W.; to lat. 56°45'42" N., long. 151°45'00" W.; to the point of beginning; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet MSL within the area bounded by a line beginning at lat. 59°33'25" N., long. 141°03'22" W.; thence southeast 12 miles from and parallel to the U.S. coastline to lat. 58°56'18" N., long. 138°45'19" W.; to lat. 58°40'00" N., long. 139°30'00" W.; to lat. 59°00'00" N., long. 141°10'00" W.; to the point of beginning, and within an 85-mile radius of the Biorka Island VORTAC, AK, and within a 42-mile radius of the Middleton Island VOR/DME, AK, and within a 30-mile radius of the Glacier River NDB, AK, and within a 149.5-mile radius of

the Anchorage VOR/DME, AK, and within a 73-mile radius of Homer Airport, AK, and within a 73-mile radius of the Kodiak Airport, AK; and that airspace extending upward from 700 feet MSL within 14 miles of the Biorka Island VORTAC, AK, and within 4 miles west and 8 miles east of the Biorka Island VORTAC 209° radial extending to 16 miles southwest of the Biorka Island VORTAC, AK.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 93

[Docket No. FAA-2006-25709]

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Congestion Management Rule for LaGuardia Airport

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; clarification of final rule.

SUMMARY: On October 10, 2008, the FAA issued a final rule to address congestion at New York's LaGuardia Airport (LaGuardia). That final rule is scheduled to take effect December 9, 2008. As part of the final rule, the FAA explained how it would initially allocate slots to incumbent carriers on the rule's effective date. The preamble to the final rule noted that it would not allocate slots to a carrier that was no longer operating at the airport. However, it did not address how those slots would be allocated under the rule. Today's notice provides that explanation.

ADDRESSES: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket. Alternatively, go to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions concerning this clarification notice contact: Nan Shellabarger, Office of Aviation Policy and Plans, APO-1, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3275; e-mail