

the need to pay couriers or package delivery companies and wait for delivery between the producers, accredited veterinarians, and the VS area office.

This rule provides an additional option for signing and submitting official certificates, forms, records, and reports. While not requiring that this option be exercised, there are potential savings for those accredited veterinarians who make use of this option. The delivery costs associated with these documents can vary widely based on the delivery method used. Therefore, we cannot accurately estimate the potential savings. However, we expect that this rule will benefit accredited veterinarians and their clients, whether large or small.

An alternative to this rule was to make no changes in the regulations. We rejected this alternative because accredited veterinarians will not be required to use this alternative signature method.

This rule contains no new information collection or recordkeeping requirements.

Executive Order 12372

This program/activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.025 and is subject to Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V.)

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule: (1) Preempts all State and local laws and regulations that are inconsistent with this rule; (2) has no retroactive effect; and (3) does not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule contains no new information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Regulatory Reform

This action is part of the President's Regulatory Reform Initiative, which, among other things, directs agencies to remove obsolete and unnecessary regulations and to find less burdensome ways to achieve regulatory goals.

List of Subjects

9 CFR Part 160

Veterinarians.

9 CFR Part 161

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Veterinarians.

Accordingly, 9 CFR parts 160 and 161 are amended as follows:

PART 160—DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. The authority citation for part 160 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1828; 21 U.S.C. 105, 111–114, 114a, 114a–1, 115, 116, 120, 121, 125, 134b, 134f, 612 and 613; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

2. In § 160.1, the definitions for *issue* and *sign* are revised and the definition for *approved digital signature* is added, in alphabetical order, to read as follows:

§ 160.1 Definitions.

Approved digital signature. Digital signatures approved by the Administrator for electronic transmission, for example, via a computer. To be approved, a digital signature must be able to verify the identity of the accredited veterinarian signing the document and indicate if the integrity of the data in the signed document was compromised.

Issue. The distribution, including electronic transmission, of an official animal health document that has been signed.

Sign, (Signed). For an accredited veterinarian to put his or her signature in his or her own hand, or by means of an approved digital signature, on a certificate, form, record, or report. No certificate, form, record, or report is signed if:

(1) Someone other than the accredited veterinarian has signed it on behalf of or in the name of the accredited veterinarian, regardless of the authority granted them by the accredited veterinarian; or

(2) If any mechanical device, other than an approved digital signature, has been used to affix the signature.

PART 161—REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITED VETERINARIANS AND SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF SUCH ACCREDITATION

3. The authority citation for part 161 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1828; 21 U.S.C. 105, 111–114, 114a, 114a–1, 115, 116, 120, 121, 125, 134b, 134f, 612 and 613; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

4. In § 161.3 paragraph (j) is revised to read as follows:

§ 161.3 Standards for accredited veterinarian duties.

(j) An accredited veterinarian shall be responsible for the security and proper

use of all official certificates, forms, records, and reports; tags, bands, or other identification devices; and approved digital signature capabilities used in his or her work as an accredited veterinarian and shall take reasonable care to prevent the misuse thereof. An accredited veterinarian shall immediately report to the Veterinarian-in-Charge the loss, theft, or deliberate or accidental misuse of any such certificate, form, record, or report; tag, band, or other identification device; or approved digital signature capability.

Done in Washington, DC, this 5th day of May 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97–AAL–3]

Temporary Establishment of Class D Airspace; Anchorage International Airport, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes a temporary Class D airspace area east of the Anchorage International Airport, AK, while Runway 06R/24L is closed for construction and at times for the closure of portions of Runway 32/14. During these closures, heavy or large commercial aircraft will be departing to the east from Runway 06L or arriving from the east to land on Runway 24R. The intended effect of this action is to enhance safety by reducing the possibility of small general aviation aircraft encountering wake turbulence from, or conflicting with, heavy or large aircraft departing or arriving Anchorage International Airport.

DATES: *Effective date:* 0901 UTC, May 22, 1997.

Expiration date: 0901 UTC, September 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert C. Durand, System Management Branch, AAL–530, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue #14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587; telephone number: (907) 271–5898.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Normally, heavy or large aircraft depart on Runway 32 to the north and arrive on Runway 06R from the west at Anchorage International Airport. The Anchorage International Airport Manager has informed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that beginning in May 1997, Runway 32 will have a displaced threshold with 9400 feet remaining available for departures until June 1997. Also, Runway 06R/24L will be closed for construction from June 1997 until September 1997. These closures will necessitate that heavy or large aircraft operating to or from Anchorage International Airport arrive from or depart to the east using Runway 24R/06L. Part of this airspace is a transition corridor used by small general aviation aircraft operating under visual flight rules (VFR) to or from Lake Hood, Merrill Field, and Anchorage International airports. The FAA has received notification from the Air Transport Association of America and several airlines (Alaska Airlines, Federal Express, and Northwest Airlines), expressing concerns about heavy or large aircraft departing Runway 06L conflicting with VFR traffic east of Anchorage International Airport.

The Rule

This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations establishes a Temporary Class D airspace area from the surface to 4,100 feet mean sea level (MSL) east of Anchorage International Airport, AK (see appendix). Pilots operating in this airspace above 1200 feet MSL will be required to be in radio contact with Anchorage Radar Approach Control air traffic controllers. These aircraft will be provided traffic advisories, wake turbulence advisories and safety alerts. Additionally, controllers will provide separation services between special VFR operations and aircraft executing instrument departure/approach procedures from/to the Anchorage International Airport. For those pilots operating at and below 1200 feet MSL, radio communications shall be established and maintained with either Lake Hood or Merrill Airport Traffic Control Towers or Anchorage

Approach Control prior to entering this airspace. This action is intended to enhance safety by reducing the possibility of small general aviation aircraft encountering wake turbulence from, or conflicting with, heavy or large aircraft departing or arriving Anchorage International Airport.

Because the circumstances described in this final rule warrant immediate action by the FAA to maintain the safety of flight, the FAA concludes that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. section 553(b) are impracticable and good cause, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. section 553(d), exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class D airspace area designations are published in paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.9D dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. This Class D airspace area listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

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

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—[AMENDED]

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; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000—Class D Airspace

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That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 4,100 feet MSL within a line beginning at the intersection of the New Seward Highway and O'Malley Road, at lat. 61°07'23" N; long. 149°51'23" W; thence east to the intersection of O'Malley Road and Lake Otis Park Way at lat. 61°07'23" N; long. 149°50'03" W; thence north to the intersection of Lake Otis Park Way and Abbott Road at lat. 61°08'14" N; long. 149°50'03" W; thence east to the intersection of Abbott Road and Abbott Loop Road at lat. 61°08'14" N; long. 149°48'16" W; thence due north to Tudor Road at lat. 61°10'51" N; long. 149°48'16" W; thence west to the intersection of Tudor Road and New Seward Highway at lat. 61°10'51" N; long. 149°51'38" W; thence south along the New Seward Highway to the point of beginning.

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Issued in Anchorage, AK, April 30, 1997.

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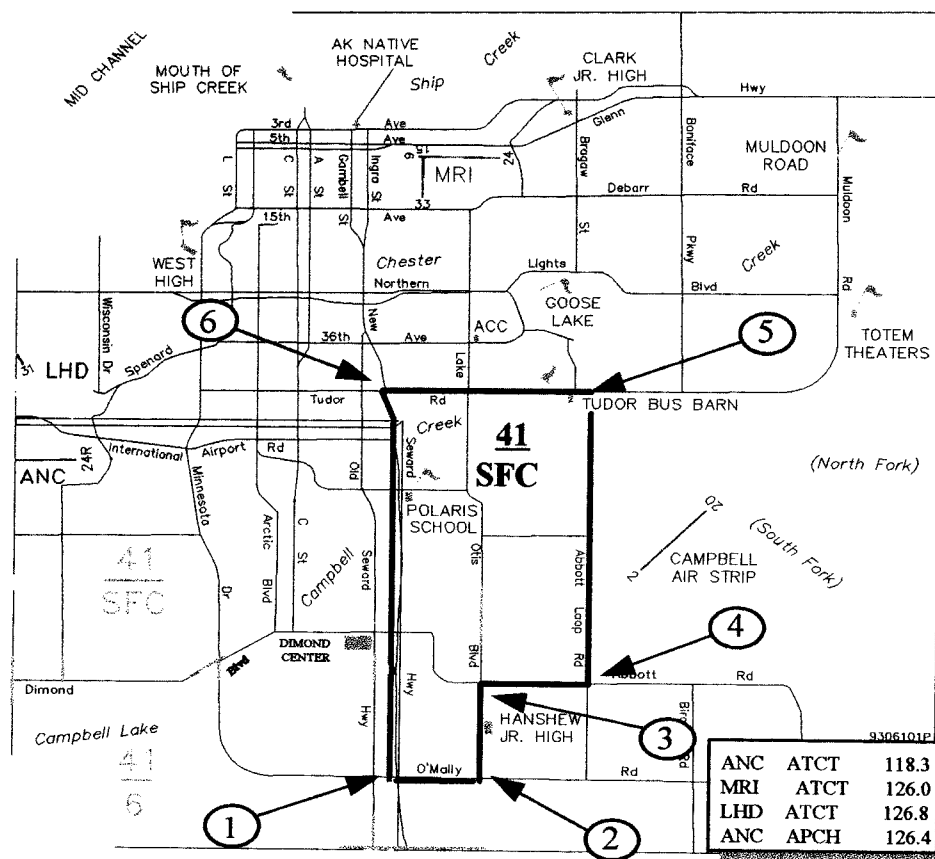
Manager, Air Traffic Division.

Note: This appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Appendix—Temporary Establishment of Class D Airspace; Anchorage International Airport, Alaska (AK)

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**Temporary Establishment of Class D Airspace;
Anchorage International Airport, Alaska (AK).
Docket No. 97-AAL-3**



Airspace Description:

1. New Seward Hwy and O'Malley Rd. Lat. 61 07' 23"N; Lg. 149 51' 23"W
2. O'Malley Rd. and Lake Otis Pkwy. Lat. 61 07' 23"N; Lg. 149 50' 03"W
3. Lake Otis Pkwy. and Abbott Rd. Lat. 61 08' 14"N; Lg. 149 50' 03"W
4. Abbott Rd. and Abbott Loop. Rd. Lat. 61 08' 14"N; Lg. 149 48' 16"W
5. Imaginary extension of Abbott Loop. Rd. north to where it would intersect Tudor Rd. Lat. 61 10' 51"N; Lg. 149 48' 16"W
6. Tudor Rd. and New Seward Hwy. Lat. 61 10' 51"N; Lg. 149 51' 38"W