

No comments to the proposal were received. Except for the non-substantive change just discussed and editorial changes, the rule is adopted as proposed. However, the proposal was published with an incorrect coordinates for the location of the Saint John The Baptist Parish Airport. The correct coordinates for the airport should have been (Lat. 30°05'21" N, long. 90°34'54" W). The description of the Class E airspace in this rule has been revised to reflect this change. The FAA has determined that this is an editorial change and will not increase the scope of this rule.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more AGL are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9C dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) establishes Class E airspace located at Saint John The Baptist Parish Airport, Reserve, LA, to provide controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL for aircraft executing the GPS SIAP to RWY 17.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations that need frequent and routine amendments 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 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 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854; 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9C, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated August 17, 1995, and effective September 16, 1995, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005: Class E Airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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ASW LA E5 Reserve, LA [New]

Saint John The Baptist Parish Airport, LA (Lat. 30°05'21" N. long. 090°34'54" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.1-mile radius of Saint John The Baptist Parish Airport.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

20 CFR Part 404

[Regulations No. 4]

RIN 0960–AE43

Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance; Determining Disability and Blindness; Extension of Expiration Date for Musculoskeletal System Listings

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration (SSA) issues listings of impairments to evaluate disability and blindness under the Social Security and supplemental security income (SSI) programs. This rule extends the expiration date for the musculoskeletal system listings. We have made no revisions to the medical criteria in the listings; they remain the same as they now appear in the Code of Federal Regulations. This extension will ensure that we continue to have medical evaluation criteria in the listings to adjudicate claims for disability based on musculoskeletal system impairments at

step three of our sequential evaluation process.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This regulation is effective June 4, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regarding this Federal Register document—Richard M. Bresnick, Legal Assistant, Division of Regulations and Rulings, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965–1758; regarding eligibility or filing for benefits—our national toll-free number, 1–800–772–1213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 6, 1985, we published revised listings, including the musculoskeletal system listings (50 FR 50068), in parts A and B of appendix 1 (Listing of Impairments) to subpart P of part 404. We use the listings at the third step of the sequential evaluation process to evaluate claims filed by adults and children for benefits based on disability and blindness under the Social Security and SSI programs. The listings describe impairments considered severe enough to prevent a person from doing any gainful activity, or, for an individual under age 18 applying for SSI benefits based on disability, from functioning independently, appropriately, and effectively in an age-appropriate manner. We use the criteria in part A mainly to evaluate impairments of adults. We use the criteria in part B first to evaluate impairments of individuals under age 18. If those criteria do not apply, we may use the criteria in part A.

When we published the revised listings in 1985, we indicated that medical advances in disability evaluation and treatment and program experience would require that the listings be periodically reviewed and updated. Accordingly, we established a date of December 6, 1990, for the musculoskeletal system listings in part A, and December 6, 1993, for the musculoskeletal system listings in part B, on which the listings would no longer be effective unless extended by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) or revised and promulgated again. Under section 102 of the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994, Public Law 103–296, this rulemaking authority was transferred from the Secretary to the Commissioner of Social Security (the Commissioner).

Subsequently, we issued a final rule on December 12, 1990 (55 FR 51100), extending the expiration date of the musculoskeletal system listings in part A to June 6, 1992, and again on June 5, 1992 (57 FR 23946), extending that expiration date to December 6, 1993.

Thereafter, on December 6, 1993 (58 FR 64121), the expiration date of the musculoskeletal system listings in both parts A and B was extended, as were the expiration dates for several other body system listings. That rule provided that the musculoskeletal system listings would no longer be effective on June 6, 1996.

Also, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on December 21, 1993 (58 FR 67574) that included proposed revisions to these listings. We will publish any changes to the listings based on that NPRM in a subsequent final rule.

In this final regulation, we are extending for one year, to June 6, 1997, the date on which the musculoskeletal system listings will no longer be effective. We believe that the requirements in these listings are still valid for our program purposes. Specifically, if we find that an individual has an impairment that meets the statutory duration requirement and also meets or is equivalent in severity to an impairment in the listings, we will find that the individual is disabled without completing the remaining steps of the sequential evaluation process. We do not use the listings to find that an individual is not disabled. Individuals whose impairments do not meet or equal the criteria of the listings receive individualized assessments at the subsequent steps of the sequential evaluation process.

Regulatory Procedures

Pursuant to section 702(a)(5) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 902(a)(5), as amended by section 102 of Public Law 103-296, SSA follows the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) rulemaking procedures specified in 5 U.S.C. 553 in the development of its regulations. The APA provides exceptions to its notice and public comment procedures when an agency finds there is good cause for dispensing with such procedures on the basis that they are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. We have determined that, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), good cause exists for dispensing with the notice and public comment procedures in this case. Good cause exists because this regulation only extends the date on which the musculoskeletal system listings will no longer be effective. It makes no substantive changes to the listings. The current regulations expressly provide that the listings may be extended, as well as revised and promulgated again. Therefore, opportunity for prior

comment is unnecessary, and we are issuing this regulation as a final rule.

In addition, we find good cause for dispensing with the 30-day delay in the effective date of a substantive rule, provided for by 5 U.S.C. 553(d). As explained above, we are not making any substantive changes in the listings. However, without an extension of the expiration date for the musculoskeletal system listings, we will lack regulatory guidelines for assessing musculoskeletal system impairments at the third step of the sequential evaluation processes after the current expiration date of the listings. In order to ensure that we continue to have regulatory criteria for assessing these impairments under the listings, we find that it is in the public interest to make this rule effective upon publication.

Executive Order 12866

We have consulted with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and determined that this rule does not meet the criteria for a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866. Thus, it was not subject to OMB review.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

We certify that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis as provided in Public Law 96-354, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, is not required.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This regulation imposes no reporting or recordkeeping requirements necessitating clearance by OMB.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 96.001, Social Security-Disability Insurance; 96.002, Social Security-Retirement Insurance; 96.004, Social Security-Survivors Insurance; 96.006, Supplemental Security Income)

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 404

Administrative practice and procedure, Blind, Disability benefits, Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social Security.

Dated: May 20, 1996.

Shirley S. Chater,

Commissioner of Social Security.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, part 404, subpart P, chapter III of title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as set forth below.

PART 404—FEDERAL OLD-AGE, SURVIVORS AND DISABILITY INSURANCE (1950—)

Subpart P—[Amended]

1. The authority citation for subpart P of part 404 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 202, 205(a), (b), and (d)–(h), 216(i), 221(a) and (i), 222(c), 223, 225, and 702(a)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402, 405(a), (b), and (d)–(h), 416(i), 421(a) and (i), 422(c), 423, 425, and 902(a)(5)).

2. Appendix 1 to subpart P of part 404 is amended by revising item 2 of the introductory text before part A to read as follows:

Appendix 1 to Subpart P—Listing of Impairments

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2. Musculoskeletal System (1.00 and 101.00): June 6, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 14

Advisory Committee; Change of Name and Function

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the standing advisory committees' regulations to change the name and the function of the Fertility and Maternal Health Drugs Advisory Committee. This action is being taken to more accurately describe this committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna M. Combs, Committee Management Office (HFA-306), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-2765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is announcing that the name of the Fertility and Maternal Health Drugs Advisory Committee has been changed. After reestablishment of this committee, on March 23, 1978, the agency decided that the name "Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs" would more accurately describe the subject areas for which the committee is