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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-22]

Proposed Amendment to Class D Airspace; St. Petersburg Albert-Whitted Airport, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to amend Class D surface area airspace at the St. Petersburg, FL, Albert-Whitted Airport. Due to the low density aircraft traffic environment at and the proximity of the Tampa International Airport to the Albert-Whitted Airport, the Class D airspace at the Albert-Whitted Airport above 1,500 feet AGL has been delegated to Tampa Approach Control. Therefore, the height of the Albert-Whitted Airport Class D airspace will be amended from 2,500 feet AGL to 1,500 feet AGL.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 96-ASO-22, Manager, Operations Branch, ASO-530, P. O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, telephone (404) 305-5586.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benny L. McGlamery, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305-5570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking

by submitting such written data, views or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify the airspace docket and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-22." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Manager, Operations Branch, ASO-530, Air Traffic Division, P. O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRMs should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to Part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) to amend Class D surface area airspace at the St. Petersburg, FL, Albert-Whitted

Airport. Due to the low density aircraft traffic environment at and the proximity of the Tampa International Airport to the Albert-Whitted Airport, the Class D airspace at the Albert-Whitted Airport above 1,500 feet AGL has been delegated to Tampa Approach Control. Therefore, the height of the Albert-Whitted Airport Class D airspace will be amended from 2,500 feet AGL to 1,500 feet AGL. Class D airspace designations are published in Paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.9D, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which are incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed 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 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.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposed to amend 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. 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 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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ASO FL D St. Petersburg Albert-Whitted Airport, FL [Revised]

St Petersburg, Albert-Whitted Airport, FL
(Lat. 27°45'54" N, long. 82°37'38" W)
MacDill AFB

(Lat. 27°50'57" N, long. 82°31'17" W

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 1,500 feet MSL within a 4-mile radius of the Albert-Whitted Airport; excluding that portion northeast of a line connecting the points of intersection with a 4.5-mile radius circle centered on Mac Dill AFB; excluding that portion within the Tampa International Airport, FL, Class B airspace area. This Class D airspace area is effective during the days and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective days and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

15 CFR Part 801

[Docket No. 960918263-6263-01]

RIN 0691-AA27

International Services Surveys: BE-20 Benchmark Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth proposed rules to amend the reporting requirements for the BE-20, Benchmark Survey of Selected Services Transactions with Unaffiliated Foreign Persons.

The BE-20 benchmark survey is conducted by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), U.S. Department of Commerce, under the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act. It is taken once every five years. The last survey was conducted for 1991, and the next survey will be

conducted for 1996. The BE-20 is a benchmark survey that is intended to cover the universe of selected U.S. services transactions with unaffiliated foreign persons. In nonbenchmark years, universe estimates of these transactions are derived from reported sample data by extrapolating forward the universe data collected in the BE-20 survey. The data are needed to support U.S. trade policy initiatives on international services and to compile the U.S. balance of payments and the national income and product accounts.

The major change to the BE-20 benchmark survey contained in these proposed rules is to expand its coverage to obtain data on additional types of services. Transactions in the following types of services would be covered on the BE-20 for the first time: Merchanting services (sales only), financial services by firms that are not financial services providers (purchases only), operational leasing services, selling agent services, and "other" private services. "Other" private services consists of transactions in satellite photography, security, actuarial, salvage, oil spill and toxic waste cleanup, language translation, and account collection services.

DATES: Comments on these proposed rules will receive consideration if submitted in writing on or before November 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of the Chief, International Investment Division (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, or hand delivered to Room M-100, 1441 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Comments will be available for public inspection in Room 7006, 1441 L Street, NW., between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. David Belli, Assistant Chief, International Investment Division (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone (202) 606-9800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These proposed rules amend 15 CFR part 801 by revising § 801.10 to set forth revised reporting requirements for the BE-20, Benchmark Survey of Selected Services Transactions with Unaffiliated Foreign Persons. The survey is conducted by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), U.S. Department of Commerce, under the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (Pub. L. 94-472, 90 Stat. 2059, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended). Section 3103(a) of the act provides that "The President shall, to the extent he deems necessary and

feasible—* * * (4) conduct * * * benchmark surveys with respect to trade in services between unaffiliated United States persons and foreign persons. * * *" In Section 3 of Executive Order 11961, as amended by Executive Order 12518, the President delegated the authority under the Act as concerns international trade in services to the Secretary of Commerce, who has redelegated it to BEA.

The BE-20 benchmark survey is conducted once every five years. The next survey will cover 1996; the last survey was conducted for 1991. The survey is intended to cover the universe of selected U.S. services transactions with unaffiliated foreign persons. In nonbenchmark years, universe estimates of these transactions are derived from reported sample data by extrapolating forward the universe data collected in the BE-20 benchmark survey. The data are needed to support U.S. trade policy initiatives on international services; compile the U.S. balance of payments and national income and product accounts; develop U.S. international price indexes for services; assess U.S. competitiveness in, and promote, international trade in services; and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities for services trade.

The major change to the BE-20 benchmark survey contained in these proposed rules is to expand coverage to obtain data on additional types of services. The expanded coverage will fill several of the remaining major gaps in Government statistics on international services transactions in new, growing, and volatile services categories. Transactions in the following types of services would be covered on the BE-20 for the first time: Merchanting services (sales only), financial services by firms that are not financial services providers (purchases only), operational leasing services, selling agent services, and "other" private services. "Other" private services consists of transactions in satellite photography, security, actuarial, salvage, oil spill and toxic waste cleanup, language translation, and account collection services.

Reporting in the BE-20 benchmark survey is required from U.S. persons with sales to, or purchases from, unaffiliated foreign persons in excess of \$500,000 in any of the services covered during the reporting year. Those meeting this criterion must supply data on the amount of their total sales or total purchases of each type of service in which their transactions exceeded this threshold amount. Except for sales of merchanting services, the data also must