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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 29121; Amdt. No. 1848]

RIN 2120-AA65

Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment establishes, amends, suspends, or revokes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) for operations at certain airports. These regulatory actions are needed because of the adoption of new or revised criteria, or because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System, such as the commissioning of new navigational facilities, addition of new obstacles, or changes in air traffic requirements. These changes are designed to provide safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace and to promote safe flight operations under instrument flight rules at the affected airports.

DATES: An effective date for each SIAP is specified in the mandatory provisions.

Incorporation by reference-approved by the Director of the Federal Register on December 31, 1980, and reapproved as of January 1, 1982.

ADDRESSES: Availability of matters incorporated by reference in the amendment is as follows:

For Examination

1. FAA Rules Docket, FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591;

2. The FAA Regional Office of the region in which the affected airport is located; or

3. The Flight Inspection Area Office which originated the SIAP.

For Purchase

Individual SIAP copies may be obtained from:

1. FAA Public Inquiry Center (APA-200), FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; or

2. The FAA Regional Office of the region in which the affected airport is located.

By Subscription

Copies of all SIAPs, mailed once every 2 weeks, are for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Best, Flight Procedures Standards Branch (AFS-420), Technical Programs Division, Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-8277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment to part 97 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 97) establishes, amends, suspends, or revokes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs). The complete regulatory description of each SIAP is contained in official FAA form documents which are incorporated by reference in this amendment under 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 1 CFR part 51, and § 97.20 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR). The applicable FAA Forms are identified as FAA Forms 8260-3, 8260-4, and 8260-5. Materials incorporated by reference are available for examination or purchase as stated above.

The large number of SIAPs, their complex nature, and the need for a special format make their verbatim publication in the **Federal Register** expensive and impractical. Further, airmen do not use the regulatory text of the SIAPs, but refer to their graphic depiction on charts printed by publishers of aeronautical materials. Thus, the advantages of incorporation by reference are realized and publication of the complete description of each SIAP contained in FAA form documents is unnecessary. The provisions of this amendment state the affected CFR (and FAR) sections, with the types and effective dates of the SIAPs. This amendment also identifies the airport, its location, the procedure identification and the amendment number.

The Rule

This amendment to part 97 is effective upon publication of each separate SIAP as contained in the transmittal. Some SIAP amendments may have been previously issued by the FAA in a National Flight Data Center (FDC) Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) as an emergency action of immediate flight safety relating directly to published aeronautical charts. The circumstances which created the need for some SIAP amendments may require making them effective in less than 30 days. For the

remaining SIAPs, an effective date at least 30 days after publication is provided.

Further, the SIAPs contained in this amendment are based on the criteria contained in the U.S. Standard for Terminal Instrument Approach Procedures (TERPS). In developing these SIAPs, the TERPS criteria were applied to the conditions existing or anticipated at the affected airports. Because of the close and immediate relationship between these SIAPs and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure before adopting these SIAPs are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, that good cause exists for making some SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

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. 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. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment 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 97

Air Traffic Control, Airports, Navigation (Air).

Issued in Washington, DC on January 23, 1998.

Richard O. Gordon,

Deputy Director, Flight Standards Service.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, part 97 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 97) is amended by establishing, amending, suspending, or revoking Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, effective at 0901 UTC on the dates specified, as follows:

PART 97—STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

1. The authority citation for part 97 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120, 44701; and 14 CFR 11.49(b)(2).

2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:

§§ 97.23, 97.25, 97.27, 97.29, 97.31, 97.33, 97.35 [Amended]

By amending: § 97.23 VOR, VOR/DME, VOR or TACAN, and VOR/DME or TACAN; § 97.25 LOC, LOC/DME, LDA, LDA/DME, SDF, SDF/DME; § 97.27 NDB, NDB/DME; § 97.29 ILS, ILS/DME, ISMLS, MLS, MLS/DME, MLS/RNAV; § 97.31 RADAR SIAPs; § 97.33 RNAV SIAPs; and § 97.35 COPTER SIAPs, identified as follows:

* * * *Effective February 26, 1998*

Little Rock, AR, Adams Field, LOC RWY 22R, Orig
 Little Rock, AR, Adams Field, ILS RWY 22R, Amdt 8, Cancelled
 Little Rock, AR, Adams Field, GPS RWY 4L, Orig
 Los Angeles, CA, Los Angeles Intl, ILS RWY 6R, Amdt 15
 Los Angeles, CA, Los Angeles Intl, ILS RWY 6L, Amdt 10
 Los Angeles, CA, Los Angeles Intl, ILS RWY 7R, Amdt 3
 Porterville, CA, Porterville Muni, VOR OR GPS-A, Amdt 1
 Rockford, IL, Greater Rockford, ILS RWY 7, Amdt 1
 Owensboro, KY, Owensboro-Daviess County, VOR RWY 5, Orig
 Owensboro, KY, Owensboro-Daviess County, GPS RWY 5, Orig
 Goldsboro, NC, Goldsboro-Wayne Muni, LOC RWY 23, Orig, Cancelled
 Goldsboro, NC, Goldsboro-Wayne Muni, ILS RWY 23, Orig
 Murfreesboro, TN, Murfreesboro Muni, NDB RWY 18, Orig
 Murfreesboro, TN, Murfreesboro Muni, NDB OR GPS RWY 18, Amdt 2, Cancelled

* * * *Effective March 26, 1998*

Escanaba, MI, Delta County, VOR RWY 36, Orig
 Escanaba, MI, Delta County, VOR OR GPS RWY 18, Amdt 7A, Cancelled
 Greenville, MS, Mid Delta Regional, LOC BC RWY 36R, Amdt 8A, Cancelled

* * * *Effective April 23, 1998*

Phoenix, AZ, Williams Gateway, GPS RWY 30C, Orig
 Danielson, CT, Danielson, GPS RWY 31, Orig
 New Port Richey, FL, Tampa Bay Executive, GPS RWY 8, Orig, Cancelled
 Casey, IL, Casey Muni, NDB OR GPS RWY 4, Amdt 7
 Mount Carmel, IL, Mount Carmel Muni, NDB OR GPS RWY 4, Amdt 5
 Mount Carmel, IL, Mount Carmel Muni, VOR OR GPS RWY 22, Amdt 9
 French Lick, IN, French Lick Muni, NDB RWY 8, Orig
 Iola, KS, Allen County, NDB RWY 1, Amdt 1
 Iola, KS, Allen County, GPS RWY 1, Orig
 Iola, KS, Allen County, GPS RWY 19, Orig
 Churchville, MD, Harford County, GPS RWY 10, Orig
 Ortonville, MN, Ortonville Muni-Martinson Field, NDB RWY 34, Amdt 2
 Ortonville, MN, Ortonville Muni-Martinson Field, GPS RWY 34, Orig
 Wilmington, NC, New Hanover International, GPS RWY 6, Orig

Wilmington, NC, New Hanover International, GPS RWY 24, Orig
 Laconia, NH, Laconia Muni, GPS RWY 26, Orig
 Ticonderoga, NY, Ticonderoga Muni, GPS RWY 2, Orig
 Ticonderoga, NY, Ticonderoga Muni, GPS RWY 20, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME OR GPS-A, Amdt 8, Cancelled
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME-A, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, NDB OR GPS, RWY 22, Amdt 1, Cancelled
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, NDB-B, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME RNAV OR GPS RWY 31, Amdt 2, Cancelled
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME RNAV RWY 31, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME OR RNAV RWY 13, Amdt 2, Cancelled
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, GPS RWY 13, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, GPS RWY 17, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, GPS RWY 31, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, GPS RWY 35, Orig

Note: The FAA published the following amendments in Docket No. 29114; Amdt. No. 1846 to Part 97 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (63 FR 2605, dated January 16, 1998) under § 97.33 effective February 26, 1998 which are hereby rescinded:

Manville, NJ, Central Jersey Regional, GPS RWY 7, Orig
 Wisconsin Repairs, WI, Alexander Field South Wood County, GPS RWY 20, Orig

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

15 CFR Part 303

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Insular Affairs

[Docket No. 971021249-8006-02]

RIN 0625-AA50

Limit on Duty-Free Insular Watches in Calendar Year 1998

AGENCIES: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the ITA regulations, which govern duty-exemption allocations and duty-refund entitlements for watch producers in the

United States' insular possessions (the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa) and the Northern Mariana Islands. The amendments establish the total quantity and respective territorial shares of insular watches and watch movements which are allowed to enter the United States free of duty during calendar year 1998 and make a minor adjustment to the verification of shipments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Faye Robinson, (202) 482-3526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We published proposed regulatory revisions on November 5, 1997 (62 FR 59829) and invited comments. We received comments from the U.S. Small Business Administration contending that we had not provided sufficient information for the public to evaluate the merits of the agencies' certification under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and that the proposed reduction in the duty-free allocation exceeded the statutory limit of no more than 10% a year. We address these comments below.

With respect to the comment concerning the Regulatory Flexibility Act, we have included a more detailed explanation, including the nature of the industry, the number of small firms involved, and the effect, if any, on those firms from the reduction in the annual duty-exemption watch allocation. See the "Regulatory Flexibility Act" section below.

Regarding the contention that the proposed reduction exceeds the amount specified by the regulations, we agree and have made the necessary correction. The limit as to the maximum allowable reduction became a factor this year because of reductions that had been made in previous years, a factor which was inadvertently overlooked in the proposed allocation revisions for calendar year 1998. Section 303.3(b)(2) of the Department Regulations (15 CFR 303.3(b)(2)) specifies that "the total annual duty-exemption shall not be decreased by more than 10% of the quantity established for the preceding calendar year, * * *". The regulations further stipulate that "[n]o territorial share shall be less than 500,000 units." 15 CFR 303.4(b). The total annual duty-exemption for 1997 was 4,600,000 units of which 3,100,000 units were allocated to the Virgin Islands, and 500,000 units to Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands respectively. See *Changes in Procedures for the Insular Possessions Watch Program*, 61 FR 55883 (Oct. 30, 1996). The proposed total annual duty-exemption of 4,100,000 units for calendar year 1998