

accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-19, Revision A, dated February 6, 2008. Replacing the barrel nut on the outboard location terminates the requirement to do the repetitive inspections specified in paragraph (g)(2)(i) of this AD.

(iii) Within 100 flight hours after doing the replacement required by paragraph (g)(2)(ii) of this AD, repeat the inspection specified in paragraph (f)(2) of this AD for the remaining barrel nuts identified with a marking of LH7940T SPS 01. Thereafter, repeat the inspection at intervals not to exceed 100 flight hours until the replacement of all hardware at those locations is done. Do the inspection and replacement in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-19, Revision A, dated February 6, 2008.

(3) If two barrel nuts having no cracking are found and both nuts are on the same side, do the actions specified in paragraphs (g)(3)(i), (g)(3)(ii), and (g)(3)(iii) of this AD.

(i) Within 100 flight hours after doing the inspection required by paragraph (f)(2)(ii) of this AD, repeat the inspection specified in paragraph (f)(2) of this AD. Thereafter, repeat the inspection at intervals not to exceed 100 flight hours until the replacement specified in paragraph (g)(3)(ii) of this AD is done.

(ii) Within 500 flight hours after doing the inspection required by paragraph (f)(2)(ii) of this AD, replace all hardware for one affected barrel nut at the outboard location that has two affected barrel nuts in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-19, Revision A, dated February 6, 2008. Replacing the barrel nut on the outboard location terminates the requirement to do the repetitive inspections specified in paragraph (g)(3)(i) of this AD.

(iii) Within 100 flight hours after doing the replacement required by paragraph (g)(3)(ii) of this AD, repeat the inspection specified in paragraph (f)(2) of this AD for the remaining barrel nut identified with a marking of LH7940T SPS 01. Thereafter, repeat the inspection at intervals not to exceed 100 flight hours until the replacement of all hardware at that location is done. Do the inspection and replacement in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-19, Revision A, dated February 6, 2008.

(4) If two barrel nuts having no cracking are found and are on opposite sides, within 100 flight hours after doing the inspection required by paragraph (f)(2)(ii) of this AD, repeat the inspection specified in paragraph (f)(2) of this AD. Thereafter, repeat the inspection at intervals not to exceed 100 flight hours until the replacement of all hardware at those locations is done. Do the inspection and replacement in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-19, Revision A, dated February 6, 2008.

(5) If one barrel nut having no cracking is found, within 100 flight hours after doing the inspection required by paragraph (f)(2)(ii) of this AD, repeat the inspection specified in paragraph (f)(2) of this AD. Thereafter, repeat the inspection at intervals not to exceed 100 flight hours until the replacement of all

hardware at that location is done. Do the inspection and replacement in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-19, Revision A, dated February 6, 2008.

#### **Actions Accomplished According to Previous Issue of Alert Service Bulletin**

(h) Actions accomplished before February 13, 2008, in accordance with Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-19, dated February 1, 2008, are acceptable for compliance with the corresponding actions specified in this AD.

#### **Actions Accomplished According to Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-18**

(i) For airplanes on which the actions specified in Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-18, dated January 16, 2008, were accomplished before February 13, 2008 and on which no barrel nuts were found that were identified with a marking of LH7940T SPS 01: No further action is required by this AD.

#### **Parts Installation**

(j) As of February 13, 2008, no person may install a barrel nut, part number DSC228-16, identified with a marking of LH7940T SPS 01, on any airplane.

#### **New Requirement of This AD**

##### **Replacement of All Affected Barrel Nuts**

(k) For airplanes on which barrel nuts are inspected in accordance with paragraph (g)(1)(iii), (g)(2)(iii), (g)(3)(iii), (g)(4), or (g)(5) of this AD: Within 3,000 flight hours after the effective date of this AD, replace all hardware for all remaining barrel nuts, part number DSC228-16, identified with a marking of LH7940T SPS 01. Do the replacement in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A84-57-19, Revision A, dated February 6, 2008. Replacement of all hardware for all affected barrel nuts constitutes terminating action for this AD.

#### **Special Flight Permit**

(l) Special flight permits, as described in Section 21.197 and Section 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199), may be issued to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished but concurrence by the Manager, New York Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, is required prior to issuance of the special flight permit. Before using any approved special flight permits, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO. Special flight permits may be permitted provided that the conditions specified in paragraph (l)(1), (l)(2), (l)(3), (l)(4), and (l)(5) of this AD are met.

(1) Both the right-hand side and left-hand side of the airplane must have at least one barrel nut that is not within the suspect batch (i.e., barrel nut is not identified with a marking of LH7940T SPS 01). The barrel nuts that are not within the suspect batch must be in good working condition (i.e., no cracking of the barrel nut).

(2) No passengers and no cargo are onboard.

(3) Airplane must operate in fair weather conditions with a low risk of turbulence.

(4) Airplane must operate with reduced airspeed. For further information, contact Bombardier, Q Series 24 Hour Service Customer Response Center, at: Tel: 1-416-375-4000; Fax: 1-416-375-4539; E-mail: [thd.qseries@aero.bombardier.com](mailto:thd.qseries@aero.bombardier.com).

(5) All of the conditions specified in paragraphs (l)(1), (l)(2), (l)(3), and (l)(4) of this AD are on a case by case basis. Contact your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO, for assistance.

#### **Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(m)(1) The Manager, New York Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. 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.

#### **Related Information**

(n) Canadian emergency airworthiness directive CF-2008-11, dated February 5, 2008.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 17, 2008.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2007-0092; Airspace Docket No. 07-AAL-18]**

**RIN 2120-AA66**

#### **Proposed Establishment of Colored and VOR Federal Airways; Alaska**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish four Federal airways in the National Airspace System (NAS) to replace four non-part 95 routes in Alaska. The conversion of these non-part 95 routes would change uncharted nonregulatory airways requiring special

aircrew authorization to Federal Airways, thus adding to the instrument flight rules (IFR) airway and route infrastructure in Alaska. This proposal would establish three Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways, and one Low/Medium Frequency (L/MF) Colored Federal airway.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 9, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001; telephone: (202) 366-9826. You must identify FAA Docket No. FAA-2007-0092 and Airspace Docket No. 07-AAL-18, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**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:**

**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 both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA-2007-0092 and Airspace Docket No. 07-AAL-18) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2007-0092 and Airspace Docket No. 07-AAL-18." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for

comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket 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**

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at: <http://www.faa.gov> or the Federal Register's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Regional Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

**The Proposal**

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish three VOR Federal airways, and one colored Federal airway, in Alaska. Presently there are uncharted nonregulatory routes that use the same routing as the proposed Federal airways. These uncharted nonregulatory routes are used daily by commercial and general aviation aircraft. The FAA is proposing to convert these uncharted nonregulatory routes to the Federal airways to add to the IFR route structure in Alaska. The Colored Federal airway would be designated as Amber 6, and would connect the St. Marys NDB with the North River NDB. The first VOR Federal airway would be designated as V-351, and would connect the Port Heiden NDB/DME with the Dillingham VOR/DME. The second Federal airway would be designated as V-619, and would connect the Port Heiden NDB/DME with the Saldo NDB, then to the Dillingham VOR/DME. The third Federal airway would be designated as V-414, and would connect the Gambell NDB/DME with the Kukuliak VOR/DME. Additionally, adoption of these

Federal airways would: (1) Provide pilots with minimum en route altitudes and minimum obstruction clearance altitudes information; (2) establish controlled airspace thus eliminating some of the commercial IFR operations in uncontrolled airspace; and (3) improve the management of air traffic operations and thereby enhance safety.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Airways designated as Colored Federal Airways are published in paragraph 6009 in FAA Order 7400.9R, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, signed August 15, 2007, and effective September 15, 2007, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Airways designated as VOR Federal Airways are published in paragraph 6010 in FAA Order 7400.9R, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, signed August 15, 2007, and effective September 15, 2007, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The airspace designations 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. Therefore, this proposed 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 proposed 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 1, 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 1, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to ensure the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it

proposes to create Class E airspace sufficient in size to contain aircraft using the described Federal Airways within the State of Alaska and represents the FAA's continuing effort to safely and efficiently use the navigable airspace.

#### 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, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 311a. 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).

#### The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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 6009(c) Amber Federal Airways.*

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##### A–6 [New]

St. Marys, AK, NDB; to North River, AK, NDB.

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*Paragraph 6010(b) Alaskan VOR Federal Airways.*

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##### V–351 [New]

From Port Heiden, AK, NDB/DME; to Dillingham, AK, VOR/DME.

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##### V–619 [New]

From Port Heiden, AK, NDB/DME; Saldo, AK, NDB; to Dillingham, AK, VOR/DME.

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##### V–414 [New]

Gambell, AK, NDB/DME; to Kukuliak, AK, VOR/DME.

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Issued in Washington, DC, March 17, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Part 301

[REG–114942–07]

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#### Disclosure of Return Information in Connection With Written Contracts Among the IRS, Whistleblowers, and Legal Representatives of Whistleblowers

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations.

**SUMMARY:** In the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, the IRS is issuing temporary regulations relating to the disclosure of return information, pursuant to section 6103(n), to whistleblowers and their legal representatives. The temporary regulations describe the circumstances by which an officer or employee of the Treasury Department may disclose return information to a whistleblower and, if applicable, the legal representative of the whistleblower, for services relating to the detection of violations of the internal revenue laws or related statutes. The temporary regulations will affect officers and employees of the Treasury Department who disclose return information to whistleblowers, or their legal representatives, in connection with written contracts among the IRS, whistleblowers and, if applicable, their legal representatives, for services relating to the detection of violations of the internal revenue laws or related statutes. The temporary regulations will

also affect any whistleblower, or legal representative of a whistleblower, who receives return information in connection with a written contract among the IRS, the whistleblower and, if applicable, the legal representative of the whistleblower, for services relating to the detection of violations of the internal revenue laws or related statutes.

**DATES:** Written or electronic comments and requests for a public hearing must be received by June 23, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send submissions to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG–114942–07), room 5203, Internal Revenue Service, PO Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand-delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG–114942–07), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, or sent electronically, via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> (IRS–REG–114942–07).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helene R. Newsome, 202–622–7950 (not a toll-free number).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background and Explanation of Provisions

Temporary regulations in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register** amend the Procedure and Administration Regulations (26 CFR part 301) under section 6103(n) relating to the disclosure of return information in connection with written contracts among the IRS, whistleblowers and, if applicable, their legal representatives. The Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, Public Law 109–432 (120 Stat. 2958) (the Act), was enacted on December 20, 2006. Section 406 of the Act amends section 7623, concerning the payment of awards to whistleblowers, and establishes a Whistleblower Office within the IRS that has responsibility for the administration of a whistleblower program. The Whistleblower Office, in connection with administering a whistleblower program, will analyze information provided by a whistleblower, and either investigate the matter itself or assign it to the appropriate IRS office for investigation. In analyzing information provided by a whistleblower, or investigating a matter, the Whistleblower Office may determine that it requires the assistance of the whistleblower, or the legal representative of the whistleblower. The legislative history of section 406 of the