are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify the airspace docket number 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. 98–AAL–7.'' 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 notice may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK, 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 NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Operations Branch, AAL–530, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11–2A which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by revising the Class E airspace at Barrow, AK, due to the establishment of GPS instrument approaches to RWY 6 and RWY 24. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for IFR operations at Wiley Post-Will Rogers Memorial Airport, Barrow, AK.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (62 FR 52491; October 8, 1997). The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be revised and published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that these proposed regulations only involve 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 proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

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.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9E, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points,* dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is to be amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005—Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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AAL AK E5 Barrow, AK

Barrow/Wiley Post—Will Rogers Memorial Airport, AK
(lat. 71° 17′ 08″ N, long. 156° 45′ 58″ W)
Point Barrow LRRS Airport
(lat. 71° 20′ 20″ N, long. 156° 37′ 58″ W)
Barrow VORTAC
(lat. 71° 16′ 24″ N, long. 156° 47′ 18″ W)
Barrow Localizer
(lat. 71° 17′ 08″ N, long. 156° 44′ 07″ W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of Barrow/Wiley Post—Will Rogers Memorial Airport and within 4 miles each side of the Barrow Localizer back course extending from the 6.6-mile radius to 14.6 miles east of the airport and within a 6.5-mile radius of the Point Barrow LRRS Airport; and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 77-mile radius of the airport extending clockwise from the Barrow VORTAC 101° radial to the 240° radial and within the area bounded by a line beginning at the Barrow VORTAC 240° radial 20 miles west to 71°13′ N 158° W to 71°23′ N 157° 48′ W to the intersection of the Barrow VORTAC 345° radial and the 6.5-mile radius of the Point Barrow LRRS Airport.

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Willis C. Nelson,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 240

[Release No. 34–39859; File No. S7–8–98]

RIN 3235–AH42

Year 2000 Readiness Reports To Be Made by Transfer Agents

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission is extending from April 13, 1998, until April 27, 1998, the comment period for Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39726 (March 5, 1998), 63 FR 12062 (March 12, 1998). In the release the Commission proposed a rule that would require non-bank transfer agents to provide at least one report to the Commission regarding its preparations for Year 2000 problems.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before April 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission''), 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Comments also may be submitted electronically at the following E-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. Comment letters should refer to File No. S7–8–98; this file number should be included on the subject line if E-mail is used. All comments received will be available for public inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Electronically submitted comment letters will be posted on the Commission's Internet web site (http://www.sec.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry W. Carpenter, Assistant Director, 202/942–4187; Thomas C. Etter, Jr., Special Counsel, 202/942–0178; or Jeffrey S. Mooney, Special Counsel, 202/942–4174, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Mail Stop 10–1, Washington, D.C. 20549.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 5, 1998, the Commission proposed temporary Rule 17Ad-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Rule 17Ad-18 would require all non-bank registered transfer agents to file with the Commission at least one report regarding its Year 2000 readiness. The initial report would be due no later than 45 days after the Commission adopts this rule. The follow-up reports, which would be due on August 31, 1998, and on August 31, 1999, would include an attestation by an independent public accountant that would give the independent public accountant's opinion whether there is a reasonable basis for the transfer agent's assertions in the reports. Additionally, the release contains a Commission advisory notice on its transfer agent record retention and recordkeeping requirements relating to the Year 2000.

The Commission has recently received requests from interested persons to extend the comment period for this release. The Commission believes that extending the comment period is appropriate in order to give the public additional time to comment on the matters the release addresses. Therefore, the comment period is extended until April 27, 1998.

By the Commission.

Dated: April 14, 1998.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 610

[Docket No. 97N–0449]

RIN 0910–AB51

Revisions to the General Safety Requirements for Biological Products; Companion Document to Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to amend the biologics regulations by adding cellular therapy products to the list of products exempted from the general safety test (GST) and by adding an administrative procedure for obtaining exemptions from the GST requirements. This proposed rule is a companion document to the direct final rule published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**. FDA is taking this action because the GST may not be relevant or necessary for many types of biological products, including cellular therapy products, currently in various stages of development.

DATES: Comments must be received on July 6, 1998. Submit written comments on the information collection provisions by June 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the proposed rule to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1–23, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dano B. Murphy, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM–630), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, suite 200N, Rockville, MD 20852–1448, 301–594–3074.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

This proposed rule is a companion to the direct final rule published in the final rules section of this issue of the **Federal Register**. This companion proposed rule will provide the procedural framework to finalize the rule in the event the direct final rule receives any significant adverse comment and is withdrawn. The comment period for this companion proposed rule runs concurrently with the comment period for the direct final rule. Any comments received under this companion proposed rule will also be considered as comments regarding the direct final rule. FDA is publishing the direct final rule because the rule contains noncontroversial changes, and FDA anticipates that it will receive no significant adverse comment.

A significant adverse comment is defined as a comment that explains why the rule would be inappropriate, including challenges to the rule's underlying premise or approach, or would be ineffective or unacceptable without a change. In determining whether a significant adverse comment is sufficient to terminate a direct final rulemaking, FDA will consider whether the comment raises an issue serious enough to warrant a substantive response in a notice-and-comment process. Comments that are frivolous, insubstantial, or outside the scope of the rule will not be considered significant or adverse under this procedure. For example, a comment requesting inclusion of additional product classes in the exceptions paragraph of the GST (§ 610.11(g)) will not be considered a significant adverse comment because it is outside the scope of this rule. A comment recommending a rule change in addition to the rule would not be considered a significant adverse comment, unless the comment states why the rule would be ineffective without additional change. In addition, if a significant adverse comment applies to part of a rule and that part can be severed form the remainder of the rule, FDA may adopt as final those parts of the rule that are not subject of a significant adverse comment.

A detailed rationale for the rule is set forth in the preamble to the direct final rule and in section I of this document. If no significant adverse comment is received in response to the direct final rule, no further action will be taken related to this proposed rule. Instead, FDA will publish a confirmation document within 30 days after the comment period ends confirming that the direct final rule will go into effect on September 2, 1998. Additional information about FDA's direct final rulemaking procedures is set forth in a guidance published in the **Federal Register** of November 21, 1997 (62 FR 62466).

If FDA receives any significant adverse comment regarding this rule, FDA will publish a document withdrawing the direct final rule within 30 days after the comment period ends. FDA then will proceed to respond to all of the comments received regarding this rule and, if appropriate, the rule will be finalized under this proposed rule using usual notice-and-comment procedures.