

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(1) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and

(2) The Manager, Small Airplane Directorate approves your alternative. Send your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each sailplane identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For sailplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. You should include in the request an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(f) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* You can contact Mike Kiesow, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4144; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

(g) *What if I need to fly the sailplane to another location to comply with this AD?* The FAA can issue a special flight permit under sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate your sailplane to a location where you can accomplish the requirements of this AD.

(h) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may obtain copies of the documents referenced in this AD from S.N. CENTRAIR, Aerodome—36300 Le Blanc, France; telephone: 02.54.37.07.96; facsimile: 02.54.37.48.64. You may read these documents at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

**Note 2:** The subject of this AD is addressed in French AD 1999-055(A)R1, dated February 5, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 00-AWP-11]

#### Proposed Revision of Class D Airspace; Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport, AZ

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to revise Class D airspace at Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport, AZ, by including that airspace within a 4.2-mile radius of the Laughlin/Bullhead international Airport west of a line 1.8-miles west of and parallel to the north/south runway. Additional Class D airspace is required to contain circling instrument approaches to the west of the airport. A review of airspace classification and air traffic procedures has made this action necessary.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attn: Manager, Airspace Branch, AWP-520, Docket No. 00-AWP-11, Air Traffic Division, P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, California 90009.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Western Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Room 6007, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 92061.

An informational docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Office of the Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division at the above address.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard V. Coffin Jr., Airspace Specialist Airspace Branch, AWP-520.9, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 92061, telephone (310) 725-6533.

#### 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 number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this action must submit with the comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made:

“Comments to Airspace Docket No. 00-AWP-11.” 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 Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, at 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261, 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

The FAA is considering a revision to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish Class D airspace at Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport, AZ. This action establishes additional controlled airspace required for circling instrument approaches to the west of the Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport, AZ. A review of airspace classification and air traffic procedures has made this action necessary. Class D airspace is published in Paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.9H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, through September 15, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in this 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 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 would 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 the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace*

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##### AWP AZ D Bullhead City, AZ [Revised]

Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport, AZ (Lat. 35°09' 27"N, long. 114°33' 34"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,500 feet AGL within a 4.2-mile radius of the Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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*Assistant Managers, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region.*

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#### POSTAL SERVICE

##### 39 CFR Part 111

##### Refunds and Exchanges

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is proposing to amend the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) to clarify the policy on unused meter stamps. We are also proposing to add policies for refunds for postage and fees paid by information-based indicia (IBI); refunds of valid, unused IBI; and refunds of the remaining balance on a postal security device (PSD) that is surrendered and withdrawn from service.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on or before November 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Postage Technology Management, USPS Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8430, Washington DC 20260–2444. You can view and make copies of all written comments at this address for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicholas S. Stankosky, 202–268–5311.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We have submitted a proposal to add regulations to the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) regarding postage paid by information-based indicia (IBI). This proposed rule defines the regulations associated with refund requests for such postage, and clarifies regulations for refunds for unused meter stamps.

##### List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)) regarding proposed rule making by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comments on the following proposed amendments to the Domestic Mail Manual, incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR part 111.

#### PART 111—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR Part 111 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Amend the following sections of the Domestic Mail Manual as set forth below:

#### P POSTAGE AND PAYMENT METHODS

##### P000 Basic Information

##### P010 General Standards

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##### P014 Refunds and Exchanges

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#### 2.0 POSTAGE AND FEES REFUNDS

[Replace current 2.1 with new 2.1 to correct references in 2.1.b and to add 2.1.c (subsequent sections are renumbered) on refunds for postage paid by information-based indicia (IBI) to read as follows:]

##### 2.1 Refund Standards

A refund for postage and fees may be made under:

a. The standards below if postage and special or retail service fees are paid and no service is rendered, or if the amount collected was more than the lawful rate.

b. 3.0 for refund requests made at a time other than the time of mailing for refunds for postage and fees paid by meter impressions, refunds of unused meter impressions, and unused units set in meters.

c. 4.0 for refund requests made at a time other than the time of mailing for refunds for postage and fees paid by information-based indicia (IBI), refunds of valid, unused IBI, and refund of the remaining balance on a postal security device (PSD) that is surrendered and withdrawn from service.

d. 5.0 for refund requests for postage made at the time of mailing.

e. P021 for rejected personalized envelopes.

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[Revise 2.5 to clarify the refund policy for meter stamps, to read as follows:]

##### 2.5 Refunds for Meter Stamps

A refund for complete and legible unused meter stamps is made when they are submitted within 1 year from the dates shown on the stamps. The Postal Service charges a fee of 10 percent if the face value of the stamps is \$250 or less. If the face value is more than \$250, the service fee charged is \$10 per hour for the actual hours needed to