

Vineyard Haven Airport. As a result of this move, the Marconi VOR/DME radial that is used to form the PEAKE Intersection must be shifted by one degree, from 211° to 212°.

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 CFR part 71 (part 71) by making a minor change in the legal description of VOR Federal Airway V-167. The PEAKE Intersection has been moved slightly in order to align the fix with the centerline of the ILS final approach course to Runway 24 at the Vineyard Haven Airport, MA. Due to this move, the Marconi VOR/DME radial that is used to form the PEAKE Intersection must be shifted by one degree, from 211° to 212°. This minor amendment ensures that the PEAKE Intersection remains properly aligned with the affected segment of V-167, and enhances the efficiency and safety of aircraft operations in the area.

Section 553(b) permits an agency for good cause to forego notice and comment rulemaking when such action is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. Since this action merely involves a minor editorial change in the legal description of one Federal airway, which is necessary for system efficiency and safety, and does not involve a change in the dimensions or operating requirements of that airspace, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary.

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. Therefore, this 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 rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Domestic VOR Federal airways are published in paragraph 6010(a) of FAA Order 7400.9K, dated August 30, 2002, and effective September 16, 2002, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The airway listed in this document will be published subsequently in the order.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

■ In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 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 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 7400.9K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 30, 2002, and effective September 16, 2002, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways

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V-167 [Revised]

From Hancock, NY; INT Hancock 117° and Kingston, NY, 270° radials; Kingston; INT Kingston 095° and Hartford, CT, 269° radials; Hartford; Providence, RI; INT Providence 101° and Marconi, MA, 212° radials; Marconi; INT Marconi 346° and Kennebunk, ME, 161° radials; to Kennebunk. The airspace outside the United States below 2,000 feet MSL, including the portion within Warning Area W-103, is excluded.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

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Revision of VOR Federal Airways in the Vicinity of Tuscaloosa, AL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action revises the legal descriptions of four Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways that include the Tuscaloosa, AL, Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) facility in their route structures. Currently, the Tuscaloosa VORTAC and the Tuscaloosa Municipal Airport share the same name and location identifier. The fact that the VORTAC and the airport are not co-located has led to confusion among users. To eliminate this confusion, the Tuscaloosa VORTAC will be renamed "Crimson VORTAC," and will be assigned a new location identifier "LDK." This rule revises the descriptions of VOR Federal Airways V-18, V-66, V-245, and V-417 to reflect the name change of the VORTAC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, September 4, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Tuscaloosa VORTAC is located 4.4 nautical miles northeast of the Tuscaloosa Municipal Airport, Tuscaloosa, AL. The airport and the VORTAC currently share the same name and three-letter location identifier (*i.e.*, TCL). The FAA's policy regarding the naming of navigation aids (NAVAID) states that a "NAVAID with the same name as the associated airport should be located on that airport. When the retention of the airport name at an off-airport NAVAID could lead to a potentially confusing situation, the NAVAID name should be changed." There have been instances where the shared name/location identifier at Tuscaloosa has resulted in confusion in pilot/air traffic controller communications. Since the airport and the VORTAC are both located in an area lacking air traffic control radar coverage at low altitudes, confusion over aircraft clearance limits and/or routing could lead to a situation that would compromise aviation safety. To eliminate future confusion and enhance safety, the FAA has determined that the Tuscaloosa VORTAC name and identifier should be changed.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by revising the legal descriptions of VOR Federal Airways V-18, V-66, V-245,