

public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.

The FAA estimates that this AD will affect 58 helicopters of U.S. registry (50 Model AS350 helicopters and 8 Model AS355 helicopters, and no Model AS332 helicopters) and the required actions will take approximately 3.5 work hours per helicopter to accomplish at an average labor rate of \$60 per work hour. Required parts will cost approximately \$10 for a time-delay fuse for Model AS350 series helicopters, or \$20 for two time-delay fuses for Model AS355 series helicopters. Based on these figures, we estimate the total cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators will be \$12,840 to modify each hoist in the entire fleet.

The regulations adopted herein will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (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) will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

2003–25–01 Eurocopter France:

Amendment 39–13384. Docket No. 2003–SW–15–AD.

Applicability: Model AS332C, C1, L, and L1, AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3 and D, and AS355E, F, F1, F2 and N helicopters with a Breeze 300-pound electric hoist (hoist) and hoist operator control unit 26M, part number (P/N) 350A63–1136–00 or 350A63–1136–01, and hoist electric box 91M, P/N 332A67–2875–00, installed, certificated in any category.

Compliance: Required within 100 hours time-in-service or within 2 months, whichever occurs first, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent failure of the hoist pyrotechnic squib electrical control unit, lack of adequate current to activate the hoist pyrotechnic squib, an inability of the pilot to cut the rescue hoist cable in the event of cable entanglement or other emergency, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

(a) Modify and re-identify the hoist operator control unit; replace the fuses; and functionally test the hoist operation and the emergency jettison controls in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 2B, Operational Procedure, of Eurocopter Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 25.00.71 for Model AS355E, F, F1, F2, and N helicopters; ASB No. 25.00.79 for Model AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, and D helicopters; and ASB No. 25.01.18 for Model AS332 C, C1, L, and L1 helicopters, all dated November 12, 2002, as applicable.

(b) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Contact the Safety Management Group, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA, for information about previously approved alternative methods of compliance.

(c) The actions required by this AD shall be done using Eurocopter Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 25.00.71 for Model AS355E, F, F1, F2, and N helicopters; ASB No. 25.00.79 for Model AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, and D helicopters; and ASB No. 25.01.18 for Model AS332 C, C1, L, and L1 helicopters, all dated November 12, 2002. The Director of the Federal Register approved this incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from American Eurocopter Corporation, 2701 Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75053–4005, telephone (972) 641–3460, fax (972) 641–3527. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(d) This amendment becomes effective on January 20, 2004.

Note: The subject of this AD is addressed in Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (France) AD 2002–584(A) and AD 2002–585(A), both dated November 27, 2002.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on December 4, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2003–16075; Airspace Docket No. 03–AAL–18]

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Mentasta Lake/Mountains Area, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace in the Mentasta Lake/Mountains Area, AK. A need was identified to operate via Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) from Tok, AK off-airways, to/from Anchorage, AK. Class E airspace did not exist below 14,500 feet in the Mentasta Lake/Mountains Area, AK to allow Anchorage ARTCC to provide IFR enroute services. This rule results in new Class E airspace upward from 1,200 feet (ft.) above the surface in the Mentasta Lake/Mountains Area, AK. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC, February 19, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On Monday, September 22, 2003, the FAA proposed to revise part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to create new Class E airspace upward from 1,200ft. above the surface in the Mentasta Lake/Mountains Area, AK (68 FR 55013). A commercial flight operator (part 135) identified a need for more direct routings to/from Tok, AK. The action establishes Class E airspace sufficient to contain aircraft proceeding to and from Tok, AK direct to join the Federal airways in the vicinity of Gulkana, AK. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No public comments have been