

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 93****[Docket No. 24967; Amdt. No. 93-55]****Portland International Airport,
Portland, OR; Removal of Special
Airport Traffic Area Provisions****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA).**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action deletes the special Airport Traffic Area (ATA) at Portland International Airport, Portland, OR. An Airport Radar Service Area (ARSA) was established at Portland International Airport effective January 16, 1986, and makes it unnecessary to have special airport traffic rules at the airport.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 u.t.c. June 15, 1987.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**History**

On April 22, 1986, the FAA proposed to amend Part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) (14 CFR Part 93) to delete the rules and procedures of Subpart H of FAR Part 93, Portland International ATA (51 FR 15013). The Portland International Airport, Portland, OR, special ATA was established under 14 CFR Part 93 (32 FR 12747, September 6, 1967) and amended in 1976 (41 FR 5386, February 6, 1976) and 1980 (45 FR

73653, November 6, 1980). Together FAR sections 93.101 to 93.105, organized as Subpart H of Part 93, established certain traffic patterns to be flown for arrivals and departures operating at Pearson Airpark, Portland, OR, and established certain communications requirements for those operations.

On December 9, 1985, (50 FR 50254) the FAA designated an ARSA at Portland International Airport, Portland, OR, which became effective January 16, 1986. The configuration of the Portland ARSA in the vicinity of Pearson Airpark coupled with the requirement for pilots to establish two-way radio communications with Portland Approach Control prior to entering designated ARSA airspace removes the need for the special ATA.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on this proposal to the FAA. The Air Line Pilots Association responded in support of the proposal. No other comments were received. Except for editorial changes, this amendment is the same as that proposed in the notice.

The Rule

This rule deletes the rules and procedures of the special ATA at Portland International Airport, OR, as contained in FAR Part 93, Subpart H. The provisions of the ARSA Program utilized at Portland International Airport provide an adequate level of safety with respect to arrival and departure air traffic at Pearson Airpark. Subpart H of Part 93 is hereby reserved for future use. The removal of these special airport traffic rules should have no effect on operators to or from Pearson Airpark. Aircraft complying with the Part 93 special air traffic rules provisions were required to follow specific routes and altitudes to and from Pearson Airpark. Since this airspace around Pearson is

partially excluded from the surface area of the ARSA, the basic procedures for operating to and from this airport under ARSA rules will be approximately the same as under the previous Part 93 rule.

The FAA has determined that this action: (1) is not a major rule under Executive Order 12291; (2) is not a significant rule under Department of Transportation Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a full regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. For the reasons set forth above, it is certified that this rule will not have significant impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 93

Airport traffic area; Traffic patterns.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, Part 93 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 93) is hereby amended as follows:

PART 93—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 93 continues to read:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1302, 1303, 1348, 1354(a), 1421(a), 1424, 2402, and 2424; 49 U.S.C. 106(g) (Revise Pub. L. 97-449, January 12, 1983).

Subpart H—[Removed and reserved]**§§ 93.101 through 93.105**

2. Part 93, Subpart H (§§ 93.101 through 93.105) is removed and reserved.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 7, 1987.

Donald D. Engen.

Administrator.

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