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existing terminology for airspace with the new international classes of airspace that are being adopted by the United States. These changes become effective September 16, 1993.

**Discussion**

Although the discussion of the final rule addressed the airspace presently referred to as the Continental Control Area which includes the airspace above FL600, part 71 was not amended to reflect that discussion with regard to the airspace above FL600. This action clarifies the intent of the FAA and is consistent with international airspace designations of airspace above FL600.

Prior to September 16, 1993, the Continental Control Area includes the airspace from 14,500 feet to infinity. The airspace reclassification rule amended the airspace designations up to and including FL600, inadvertently omitting the redesignation of the airspace above FL600. The FAA is aware that numerous aircraft operations are conducted annually in the airspace above FL600 in both civilian and military aircraft. The airspace reclassification final rule included discussion of the redesignation of the remaining continental control area that was not reclassified as Class A, Class B, Class C, or Class D airspace as Class E airspace. However, the final rule inadvertently omitted that redesignation in amending part 71. This action amends part 71 to include the redesignation of the continental control area in the airspace above FL600 as Class E airspace.

**14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. 24456, Amendment No. 71-21]

**Airspace Reclassification; Correction**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; correcting amendment.

**SUMMARY:** This action clarifies the Airspace Reclassification final rule that was promulgated on December 17, 1991, regarding the designation of the airspace above flight level (FL) 600 as Class E airspace. The clarification is necessary to ensure that the operating rules continue as intended on September 16, 1993, the implementation date of Airspace Reclassification.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This amendment is effective September 16, 1993.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On December 17, 1991 the FAA published the Airspace Reclassification final rule (56 FR 65638), which, among other things, changed the wording of many operating rules by replacing the

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Navigation (air).

**The Amendment**

Accordingly, 14 CFR part 71, in effect as of September 16, 1993, is amended by making the following clarification amendment:

**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 part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. App. 1348(a), 1354(a), 1510; Executive Order 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 49 U.S.C. app. 106(g); 14 CFR 11.69.

2. Section 71.71 is amended by revising paragraph (a) introductory text read as follows:

**§ 71.71 Class E airspace.**

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(a) The airspace of the United States, including that airspace overlying the waters within 12 nautical miles of the coast of the 48 contiguous states and Alaska, extending upward from 14,500 feet MSL up to, but not including 18,000 feet MSL, and the airspace above FL600, excluding—

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