

[Docket No. 10155; Amdt. No. 99-9]

PART 99—SECURITY CONTROL OF AIR TRAFFIC

Applicability; Gulf of Mexico Coastal ADIZ

The purpose of these amendments to the Federal Aviation Regulations is to change the latitude for the applicability exception of Subpart A, Part 99, for aircraft operating in a Coastal or Domestic ADIZ with a true airspeed of less than 180 knots, and to revise the southern boundary of the Gulf of Mexico Coastal ADIZ.

Department of Defense air defense procedures have been amended so that all aircraft operating north of 25° north latitude or west of 85° west longitude at a true airspeed of less than 180 knots are classified as friendly. Since flight plans or ADIZ position reports are no longer needed for these aircraft, § 99.1(b) (1) is amended to except those aircraft from the applicability of Subpart A, Part 99.

The Department of Defense has recommended revision of the southern boundary of the Gulf of Mexico Coastal ADIZ. The distance of the present southern boundary from the Florida land mass is such that aircraft may penetrate the ADIZ before they are within range of aids to navigation used to determine their position. As a result, many of these aircraft are detected by air defense radars as being out of correlation tolerances and tactical actions are initiated before the pilot can determine and report an updated position. The changes in the southern boundary of the Gulf of Mexico Coastal ADIZ contained in this amendment will materially reduce that problem.

Since this amendment will relieve the operators of aircraft in the areas concerned from further compliance with procedural requirements, I find it is unnecessary to comply with notice and public procedures hereon, and these amendments may be made effective in less than 30 days.

Inasmuch as this action involves airspace outside the United States, the agency has consulted with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 10854.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 99 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended as follows, effective March 10, 1970.

1. Section 99.1(b) (1) is amended by striking out the numeral "28" and inserting the numeral "25" in place thereof.

2. Section 99.45(c) is amended to read as follows:

§ 99.45 Coastal ADIZ's.

(c) Gulf of Mexico Coastal ADIZ.

The area bounded by a line 24°00' N., 97°00' W.; 26°00' N., 96°35' W.; 26°25' N., 96°30' W.; 28°05' N., 96°30' W.; 28°42' N., 95°17' W.; 29°26' N., 94°00' W.; 28°48' N., 90°00' W.; 30°00' N., 88°55' W.; 30°00' N., 88°00' W.; 29°20' N., 85°00' W.; 28°55' N., 83°30' W.; 25°45' N., 82°07' W.; 25°45' N.,

81°27' W.; then southeast along a line 3 nautical miles from the shore line to 25°10' N., 81°12' W.; 24°49' N., 80°55' W.; 24°49' N., 80°00' W.; 24°00' N., 80°00' W.; 24°00' N., 83°00' W.; 27°30' N., 84°30' W.; 27°30' N., 93°25' W.; 27°00' N., 95°00' W.; 24°00' N., 96°30' W.; 24°00' N., 97°00' W. (point of beginning).

(Secs. 307, 1110 and 1202, Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 49 U.S.C. 1348, 1510, 1522, E.O. 10854, 24 F.R. 9565; sec. 6(c), Department of Transportation Act; 49 U.S.C. 1655(c))

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Administrator.

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