

this AD at intervals not to exceed 100 hours TIS.

(e) Within 600 hours TIS after October 24, 1997, accomplish the repair to the vertical fin in accordance with the Appendix, "Repair of BK117 Vertical Fin," to Eurocopter ASB MBB-BK-117 No. ASB-MBB-BK 117-30-106, Revision 4, dated December 19, 1997, or in accordance with the Appendix, "Repair of BK117 Vertical Fin," to Eurocopter ASB No. MBB-BK 117-30-106, Revision 3, dated May 5, 1997, except use of blind rivets is not permitted. If blind rivets were previously used to accomplish the vertical fin repair, they must be removed and replaced with solid rivets to comply with the requirements of this AD. Thereafter, perform the visual inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD at intervals not to exceed 300 hours TIS.

(f) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Rotorcraft Standards Staff. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Rotorcraft Standards Staff.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Rotorcraft Standards Staff.

(g) Special flight permits will not be issued.

(h) The inspections and repairs shall be done in accordance with the Appendix, "Repair of BK117 Vertical Fin," to Eurocopter Alert Service Bulletin MBB-BK 117-30-106, Revision 4, dated December 19, 1997, or in accordance with the Appendix, "Repair of BK117 Vertical Fin," to Eurocopter Alert Service Bulletin No. MBB-BK 117-30-106, Revision 3, dated May 5, 1997, except use of blind rivets is not permitted. The incorporation by reference of Eurocopter Alert Service Bulletin No. MBB-BK 117-30-106, Revision 3, dated May 5, 1997, was approved previously by the Director of the Federal Register, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51, as of October 24, 1997 (62 FR 52655, October 9, 1997). The incorporation by reference of Eurocopter Alert Service Bulletin MBB-BK 117-30-106, Revision 4, dated December 19, 1997, was approved by the Director of the Federal Register 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.

Note 3: Accomplishment of the requirements of Revision 3 of the referenced service bulletin, except for using solid rivets instead of blind rivets, or Revision 4 of the referenced service bulletin constitutes compliance with the requirements of this AD.

(i) This amendment becomes effective on December 4, 1998.

Note 4: The subject of this AD is addressed in Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (Germany) AD 1997-144/3, effective May 11, 1998.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 12, 1998.

Henry A. Armstrong,
Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-39]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Great Bend, KS

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Great Bend, KS.

DATE: The direct final rule published at 63 FR 51812 is effective on 0901 UTC, January 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51812). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on January 28, 1999. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

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Herman J. Lyons, Jr.,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-40]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Pittsburgh, KS

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Pittsburgh, KS.

DATE: The direct final rule published at 63 FR 51811 is effective on 0901 UTC, January 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51811). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on January 28, 1999. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice conforms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-41]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Ullyses, KS

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document confirms the effective date of a direct final rule which revises Class E airspace at Ulysses, KS.

DATE: The direct final rule published at 63 FR 51809 is effective on 0901 UTC, January 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct rule with a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51809). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on January 28, 1999. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-45]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Burlington, KS

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This action amends the Class E airspace area at Coffey County Airport, Burlington, KS. The FAA has developed Global Positioning System (GPS) Runway (RWY) 18 and RWY 36 Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) to serve Coffey County Airport, KS. Additional controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) is needed to accommodate these

SIAPs and for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at this airport. The enlarged area will contain the new GPS RWY 18 and GPS RWY 36 SIAPs in controlled airspace. The intended effect of this rule is to provide controlled Class E airspace for aircraft executing the GPS RWY 18 and GPS RWY 36 SIAPs and to segregate aircraft using instrument approach procedures in instrument conditions from aircraft operating in visual conditions.

DATES: This direct final rule is effective on 0901 UTC, March 25, 1999.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the rule in triplicate to: Manager, Airspace Branch, Air Traffic Division, ACE-520, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket Number 98-ACE-45, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel for the Central Region at the same address between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Air Traffic Division at the same address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Randolph, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ACE-520C, Federal Aviation Administration, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106; telephone: (816) 426-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA has developed GPS RWY 18 and GPS RWY 36 SIAPs to serve the Coffey County Airport, Burlington, KS. The amendment to Class E airspace at Burlington, KS, will provide additional controlled airspace at and above 700 feet AGL in order to contain the new SIAPs within controlled airspace, and thereby facilitate separation of aircraft operating under Instrument Flight Rules. The area will be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts. Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9F, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Direct Final Rule Procedure

The FAA anticipates that this regulation will not result in adverse or negative comment and, therefore, is

issuing it as a direct final rule. Previous actions of this nature have not been controversial and have not resulted in adverse comments or objections. The amendment will enhance safety for all flight operations by designating an area where VFR pilots may anticipate the presence of IFR aircraft at lower altitudes, especially during inclement weather conditions. A greater degree of safety is achieved by depicting the area on aeronautical charts. Unless a written adverse or negative comment, or a written notice of intent to submit an adverse or negative comment is received within the comment period, the regulation will become effective on the date specified above. After the close of the comment period, the FAA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** indicating that no adverse or negative comments were received and confirming the date on which the final rule will become effective. If the FAA does receive, within the comment period, an adverse or negative comment, or written notice of intent to submit such a comment, a document withdrawing the direct final rule will be published in the **Federal Register**, and a notice of proposed rulemaking may be published with a new comment period.

Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule and was not preceded by a notice of proposed rulemaking, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended or withdrawn in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of this action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this action will be filed in the Rules Docket.