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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2024-0994; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-01238-T]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Yaborã Indústria Aeronáutica S.A.; Embraer S.A.) Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2019–24–16, which applies to certain Embraer S.A. Model ERJ 190-100 STD, –100 LR, –100 IGW, and –100 ECJ airplanes; and Model ERJ 190-200 STD, -200 LR, and -200 IGW airplanes. AD 2019–24–16 requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. Since the FAA issued AD 2019-24-16, the FAA has determined that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, as specified in an Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil (ANAC) AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference (IBR). The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by May 20, 2024. **ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
  - Fax: 202-493-2251.

• *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M– 30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

 Hand Delivery: Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except

Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA–2024–0994; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

- Material Incorporated by Reference: For ANAC material that is proposed for IBR in this NPRM, contact National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) Aeronautical Products Certification Branch (GGCP), Rua Dr. Orlando Feirabend Filho, 230—Centro Empresarial Aquarius—Torre B— Andares 14 a 18, Parque Residencial Aquarius, CEP 12.246-190-São José dos Campos—SP, Brazil; telephone 55 (12) 3203-6600; email pac@anac.gov.br; website anac.gov.br/en/. You may find this material on the ANAC website at sistemas.anac.gov.br/certificacao/DA/ DAE.asp.
- For Embraer material identified in this NPRM, contact Embraer S.A., Technical Publications Section (PC 060), Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima, 2170—Putim—12227—901 São José dos Campos—SP—Brazil; telephone 55 (12) 3927—5852 or 55 (12) 3309—0732; fax 55 (12) 3927—7546; email distrib@embraer.com.br; website www.flyembraer.com.
- You may view this material that is incorporated by reference at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. It is also available at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA–2024–0994.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joshua Bragg, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone (216) 316–6418; email joshua.k.bragg@faa.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### **Comments Invited**

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under ADDRESSES. Include "Docket No. FAA-2024-0994; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-01238-T" at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to regulations.gov, including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

## **Confidential Business Information**

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as "PROPIN." The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Joshua Bragg, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone (216) 316-6418; email joshua.k.bragg@faa.gov. Any commentary that the FAA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

## Background

The FAA issued AD 2019–24–16, Amendment 39–21005 (84 FR 71772, December 30, 2019) (AD 2019–24–16), for certain Embraer S.A. Model ERJ 190–100 STD, -100 LR, -100 IGW, and -100 ECJ airplanes; and Model ERJ 190–200 STD, -200 LR, and -200 IGW airplanes. AD 2019–24–16 was prompted by an MCAI originated by ANAC, which is the aviation authority for Brazil. ANAC issued AD 2019–05–02, effective May 2, 2019 (ANAC 2019–05–02) (which corresponds to FAA AD 2019–24–16), to correct an unsafe condition.

AD 2019–24–16 requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA issued AD 2019–24–16 to address fatigue cracking of structural components and to address failure of certain system components, which could result in reduced structural integrity and system reliability of the airplane.

# Actions Since AD 2019–24–16 Was Issued

Since the FAA issued AD 2019–24–16, ANAC superseded AD 2019–24–16 and issued ANAC AD 2023–12–02, effective December 15, 2023 (ANAC AD 2023–12–02) (also referred to as the MCAI), for certain Embraer S.A. Model ERJ 190–100 STD, –100 LR, –100 IGW, and –100 ECJ airplanes; and Model ERJ 190–200 STD, –200 LR, and –200 IGW airplanes. The MCAI states that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations have been developed.

The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–0994.

## Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed ANAC AD 2023–12–02. This service information specifies new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations for airplane structures and safe life limits.

This AD also requires the following documents, which the Director of the Federal Register approved for incorporation by reference as of February 3, 2020 (84 FR 71772, December 30, 2019).

- Appendix A—Airworthiness Limitations (AL); to the EMBRAER 190/ 195 Maintenance Review Board Report, MRB–1928, Revision 12, dated September 27, 2018.
- Appendix A—Airworthiness Limitations (AL), to the EMBRAER Lineage 1000/1000E Maintenance Planning Guide, MPG—2928, Revision 8, dated October 10, 2018.

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have

access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in ADDRESSES.

## **FAA's Determination**

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA's bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop in other products of the same type design.

# Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would retain all requirements of AD 2019–24–16. This proposed AD would also require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate additional new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, which are specified in ANAC AD 2023–12–02 already described, as proposed for incorporation by reference. Any differences with ANAC AD 2023–12–02 are identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this AD.

This proposed AD would require revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new actions (e.g., inspections) and Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCLs). Compliance with these actions and CDCCLs is required by 14 CFR 91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by this proposed AD, the operator may not be able to accomplish the actions described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) according to paragraph (k)(1) of this proposed AD.

# **Explanation of Required Compliance Information**

In the FAA's ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency of the AD process, the FAA developed a process to use some civil aviation authority (CAA) ADs as the primary source of information for compliance with requirements for corresponding FAA ADs. The FAA has been coordinating this process with manufacturers and CAAs. As a result, the FAA proposes to incorporate ANAC AD 2023–12–02 by reference in the FAA final rule. This proposed AD would, therefore, require compliance with ANAC AD 2023–12–02

through that incorporation, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD. Service information required by ANAC AD 2023–12–02 for compliance will be available at *regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2024–0994 after the FAA final rule is published.

# **Airworthiness Limitation ADs Using the New Process**

The FAA's process of incorporating by reference MCAI ADs as the primary source of information for compliance with corresponding FAA ADs has been limited to certain MCAI ADs (primarily those with service bulletins as the primary source of information for accomplishing the actions required by the FAA AD). However, the FAA is now expanding the process to include MCAI ADs that require a change to airworthiness limitation documents, such as airworthiness limitation sections.

For these ADs that incorporate by reference an MCAI AD that changes airworthiness limitations, the FAA requirements are unchanged. Operators must revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in the new airworthiness limitation document. The airworthiness limitations must be followed according to 14 CFR 91.403(c) and 91.409(e).

The previous format of the airworthiness limitation ADs included a paragraph that specified that no alternative actions (e.g., inspections), intervals, or CDCCLs may be used unless the actions, intervals, and CDCCLs are approved as an AMOC in accordance with the procedures specified in the AMOCs paragraph under "Additional AD Provisions." This new format includes a "New Provisions for Alternative Actions, Intervals, and CDCCLs" paragraph that does not specifically refer to AMOCs, but operators may still request an AMOC to use an alternative action, interval, or CDCCL.

## **Costs of Compliance**

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 98 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

The FAA estimates the total cost per operator for the retained actions from AD 2019–24–16 to be \$7,650 (90 workhours × \$85 per work-hour).

The FAA has determined that revising the existing maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 workhours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate.

The FAA estimates the total cost per operator for the new proposed actions to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours  $\times$  \$85 per work-hour).

## Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

## Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would 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.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

## The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator,

the FAA proposes to amend 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. The FAA amends § 39.13 by:
- a. Removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2019–24–16, Amendment 39–21005 (84 FR 71772, December 30, 2019); and
- b. Adding the following new AD:

Embraer S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Yaborã Indústria Aeronáutica S.A.; Embraer S.A.; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronáutica S.A. (EMBRAER)): Docket No. FAA–2024–0994; Project Identifier MCAI–2023–01238–T.

#### (a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by May 20, 2024.

#### (b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2019–24–16, Amendment 39–21005 (84 FR 71772, December 30, 2019) (AD 2019–24–16).

## (c) Applicability

This AD applies to Embraer S.A. Model ERJ 190–100 STD, –100 LR, –100 ECJ, and –100 IGW airplanes; and Model ERJ 190–200 STD, –200 LR, and –200 IGW airplanes; certificated in any category; as identified in Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil (ANAC) AD 2023–12–02, effective December 15, 2023 (ANAC AD 2023–12–02).

## (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 05, Time Limits/Maintenance Checks.

## (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a determination that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address failure of certain system components. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in reduced structural integrity and system reliability of the airplane.

## (f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

## (g) Retained Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program, With No Changes

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (i) of AD 2019–24–16, with no changes. For airplanes having serial numbers 19000002, 19000004, 19000006 through 19000213 inclusive, 19000215 through 19000276 inclusive, 19000278 through 19000466 inclusive, 19000468 through 19000525 inclusive, and 19000527 through

19000758 inclusive: Do the revision required by paragraph (g)(1) or (2) of this AD, as applicable. Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by paragraph (i) of this AD terminates the requirements of this paragraph.

- (1) For Model ERJ 190-100 STD, ERJ 190-100 LR, ERJ 190-100 IGW, ERJ 190-200 STD, ERJ 190-200 LR, and ERJ 190-200 IGW airplanes: Within 90 days after February 3, 2020 (the effective date of AD 2019-24-16), revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in Appendix A-Airworthiness Limitations (AL); to the EMBRAER 190/195 Maintenance Review Board Report, MRB-1928, Revision 12, dated September 27, 2018 ("EMBRAER 190/195 MRB-1928, Revision 12"). The initial compliance times for doing the tasks are at the later of the times specified in paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (ii) of this AD.
- (i) Within the applicable times specified in EMBRAER 190/195 MRB–1928, Revision 12. For the purposes of this AD, the initial compliance times (identified as "Threshold" or "T" in EMBRAER 190/195 MRB–1928, Revision 12) are expressed in "total flight cycles or "total flight hours" as applicable.

(ii) Within 90 days or 600 flight cycles after February 3, 2020 (the effective date of AD 2019–24–16), whichever occurs later.

- (2) For Model ERJ 190–100 ECJ airplanes: Within 90 days after February 3, 2020 (the effective date of AD 2019–24–16), revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the tasks specified in Appendix A—Airworthiness Limitations (AL), to the EMBRAER Lineage 1000/1000E Maintenance Planning Guide, MPG–2928, Revision 8, dated October 10, 2018 ("EMBRAER Lineage 1000/1000E MPG–2928, Revision 8"). The initial compliance times for the tasks are at the later of the times specified in paragraphs (g)(2)(i) and (ii) of this AD.
- (i) Within the applicable times specified in EMBRAER Lineage 1000/1000E MPG–2928, Revision 8. For the purposes of this AD, the initial compliance times (identified as "Threshold" or "T" in EMBRAER Lineage 1000/1000E MPG–2928, Revision 8) are expressed in "total flight cycles" or "total flight hours" as applicable.
- (ii) Within 90 days or 600 flight cycles after February 3, 2020 (the effective date of AD 2019–24–16), whichever occurs later.

## (h) Retained Restrictions on Alternative Actions, Intervals, and Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCLs), With a New Exception

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (j) of AD 2019–24–16, with a new exception. Except as required by paragraph (i) of this AD: After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections), intervals, or CDCCLs may be used unless the actions, intervals, and CDCCLs are approved as an AMOC in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k)(1) of this AD.

# (i) New Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program

Except as specified in paragraph (j) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, ANAC AD 2023–12–02. Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by this paragraph terminates the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD.

## (j) Exceptions to ANAC AD 2023-12-02

- (1) Where ANAC AD 2023–12–02 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.
- (2) This AD does not adopt paragraph (d) of ANAC AD 2023–12–02.
- (3) Where paragraph (c) of ANAC AD 2023–12–02 refers to "alternative inspections or inspection intervals," for this AD, replace that text with "alternative actions (e.g., inspections), intervals, and CDCCLs."

## (k) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

- (1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, mail it to the address identified in paragraph (l) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.
- (2) Contacting the Manufacturer: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or ANAC; or ANAC's authorized Designee. If approved by the ANAC Designee, the approval must include the Designee's authorized signature.

#### (l) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Joshua Bragg, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone (216) 316–6418; email joshua.k.bragg@faa.gov.

## (m) Material Incorporated by Reference

- (1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.
- (2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.
- (3) The following service information was approved for IBR on [DATE 35 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE].
- (i) Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil (ANAC) AD 2023–12–02, effective December 15, 2023.
  - (ii) [Reserved]

- (4) The following service information was approved for IBR on February 3, 2020 (84 FR 71772, December 30, 2019).
- (i) Appendix A—Airworthiness Limitations (AL); to the EMBRAER 190/195 Maintenance Review Board Report, MRB— 1928, Revision 12, dated September 27, 2018.
- (ii) Appendix A—Airworthiness Limitations (AL), to the EMBRAER Lineage 1000/1000E Maintenance Planning Guide, MPG–2928, Revision 8, dated October 10, 2018
- (5) For ANAC AD 2023–12–02, contact ANAC, Aeronautical Products Certification Branch (GGCP), Rua Dr. Orlando Feirabend Filho, 230—Centro Empresarial Aquarius—Torre B—Andares 14 a 18, Parque Residencial Aquarius, CEP 12.246–190—São José dos Campos—SP, Brazil; telephone 55 (12) 3203–6600; email pac@anac.gov.br; website anac.gov.br/en/. You may find this ANAC AD on the ANAC website at sistemas.anac.gov.br/certificacao/DA/DAE.asp.
- (6) For Embraer material identified in this AD, contact Embraer S.A., Technical Publications Section (PC 060), Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima, 2170—Putim—12227—901 São José dos Campos—SP—Brazil; telephone 55 (12) 3927—5852 or 55 (12) 3309—0732; fax 55 (12) 3927—7546; email distrib@embraer.com.br; website www.flyembraer.com.
- (7) You may view this material that is incorporated by reference at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.
- (8) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations, or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on March 28, 2024.

## Victor Wicklund.

Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## **Federal Aviation Administration**

## 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2024-0367; Airspace Docket No. 23-ASO-41]

RIN 2120-AA66

## Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q-83; Eastern United States

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

or before May 20, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by FAA Docket No. FAA–2024–0367 and Airspace Docket No. 23–ASO–41 using any of the following methods:

\* Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the

Airspace System (NAS).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to

(RNAV) Route Q-83 in the eastern

Northeast Corridor Atlantic Coast

amend United States Area Navigation

United States. This action supports the

Routes (NEC ACR) Optimization Project

to improve the efficiency of the National

**DATES:** Comments must be received on

www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

\* Mail. Send comments to Docket

\* Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

\* Hand Delivery or Courier: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

\* Fax: Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493–2251.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FAA Order JO 7400.11H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air\_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# **Authority for This Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs,