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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric vanOpstal, Flight Standards Service, Air Transportation Division, AFS-200, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3774; facsimile (202) 267-5229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. We also invite comments relating to the economic, environmental, energy, or federalism impact that might result from adopting the proposals in this document. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date. If you wish to review the docket in person, go to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also review the docket using the Internet at the web address in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before acting on this proposal, we will consider all comments we receive on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change this proposal in light of the comments we receive.

If you want the FAA to acknowledge receipt of your comments on this proposal, include with your comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it to you.

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You can also get an electronic copy using the Internet through FAA's Web page at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/arm/nprm/nprm.htm> or the **Federal Register's** Web page at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html.

You can also get a copy by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-1, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-9680. Make sure to identify the docket number, notice number, or amendment number of this rulemaking.

Background

The FAA published a notice (68 FR 64730, November 14, 2003) proposing to issue regulations governing the design, maintenance, and operations of airplanes and engines for flights that go beyond certain distances from an adequate airport. The notice provided for a 60-day comment period, ending on January 13, 2004.

Extension of Comment Period

In accordance with § 11.47 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the FAA has reviewed the petitions submitted to the docket by several commenters requesting an extension of the comment period to Notice No. 03-11 (68 FR 64730). These petitioners requested an extension of time to adequately respond to the notice of proposed rulemaking. To allow additional time for a more thorough review of applicable issues and drafting of responsive comments, the FAA finds that there is good cause and it is in the public interest to extend the comment period for an additional 60 days beyond the 60 days already provided. Accordingly, the comment period for Notice No. 03-11 is extended until March 15, 2004.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 31, 2003.

John M. Allen,

Acting Director, Flight Standards Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. FAA-2003-16438; Airspace Docket No. 03-ASW-02]

RIN 2120-AA66

Proposed Modification of Restricted Areas 3801A, 3801B, and 3801C, Camp Claiborne, LA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to revise Restricted Area 3801A (R-3801A),

3801B (R-3801B), and 3801C (R-3801C), at Camp Claiborne, LA. The United States Air Force (USAF) requested that the FAA take action to eliminate the area currently designated as R-3801A; expand the vertical limits of the areas currently designated as R-3801B and R-3801C; and reconfigure R-3801B and R-3801C into a new R-3801A, R-3801B, and R-3801C. Additionally, the USAF has requested that the FAA take action to change the controlling agency of R-3801A, R-3801B, and R-3801C from the FAA, Houston Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC), to the U.S. Army, Fort Polk Approach Control. These modifications are proposed to fulfill new USAF training requirements for the practice of high altitude release bombing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify "FAA Docket No. FAA-2003-16438 and Airspace Docket No. 03-ASW-02," at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Rohring, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal.

Communications should identify both docket numbers (FAA Docket No. FAA-2003-16438 and Airspace Docket No. 03-ASW-02) and be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Management System (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number). You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments

on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to FAA Docket No. FAA-2003-16438 and Airspace Docket No. 03-ASW-02." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this action may be changed in light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the public docket both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at <http://www.faa.gov> or the **Federal Register's** Web page at <http://www.gpo.access.gov/fr/index.html>

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person at the Dockets Office (see **ADDRESSES** section for address and phone number) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Regional Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Blvd; Fort Worth, TX 76193-0500.

Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should call the FAA's Office of Rulemaking, (202) 267-9677, for a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

As a result of new USAF training requirements, the FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 73 (part 73) to revise R-3801A, R-3801B, and R-3801C, at Camp Claiborne, LA. The USAF requested that the FAA take action to eliminate the area currently designated as R-3801A; expand the vertical limits of the areas currently designated as R-3801B and R-3801C from 14,000 feet MSL to FL 230; and reconfigure R-3801B and R-3801C into a new R-3801A, R-3801B, and R-

3801C. The lateral boundaries of the new R-3801A, R-3801B, and R-3801C would be the same as the current R-3801B and R-3801C. The altitude structure for the revised airspace areas would be from the surface to 10,000 feet MSL for R-3801A; 10,000 feet MSL to FL180 for R-3801B; and FL180 to FL230 for R-3801C. The additional airspace is required to fulfill new USAF training requirements. Specifically, the new training requirements call for practicing the release of bombs from higher altitudes than are currently available within the existing airspace areas. Additionally, the USAF has requested that the FAA take action to change the controlling agency of R-3801A, R-3801B, and R-3801C from the FAA, Houston ARTCC, to the U.S. Army, Fort Polk Approach Control.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation: (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subjected to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1D, Procedures for Handling Environmental Impacts, prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 73.63 [Amended]

2. § 73.63 is amended as follows:

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R-3801A Camp Claiborne, LA (Amended)

By removing the current boundaries, designated altitudes, and controlling agency, and substituting the following:

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 31°11'46" N., long. 92°30'16" W.; to lat. 31°05'16" N., long. 92°34'51" W.; to lat. 31°13'56" N., long. 92°49'46" W.; to lat. 31°18'01" N., long. 92°46'31" W.; to lat. 31°15'16" N., long. 92°41'46" W.; to lat. 31°17'11" N., long. 92°40'11" W.; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. Surface to, but not including, 10,000 feet MSL.

Controlling agency. U.S. Army, Fort Polk Approach Control.

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R-3801B Camp Claiborne, LA (Amended)

By removing the current boundaries, designated altitudes, and controlling agency and substituting the following:

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 31°11'46" N., long. 92°30'16" W.; to lat. 31°05'16" N., long. 92°34'51" W.; to lat. 31°13'56" N., long. 92°49'46" W.; to lat. 31°18'01" N., long. 92°46'31" W.; to lat. 31°15'16" N., long. 92°41'46" W.; to lat. 31°17'11" N., long. 92°40'11" W.; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. 10,000 feet MSL to, but not including, FL 180.

Controlling agency. U.S. Army, Fort Polk Approach Control.

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R-3801C Camp Claiborne, LA (Amended)

By removing the current boundaries, designated altitudes, and controlling agency and substituting the following:

Boundaries. Beginning at lat. 31°11'46" N., long. 92°30'16" W.; to lat. 31°05'16" N., long. 92°34'51" W.; to lat. 31°13'56" N., long. 92°49'46" W.; to lat. 31°18'01" N., long. 92°46'31" W.; to lat. 31°15'16" N., long. 92°41'46" W.; to lat. 31°17'11" N., long. 92°40'11" W.; to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. FL 180 to FL 230.

Controlling agency. U.S. Army, Fort Polk Approach Control.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on December 30, 2003.

Paul Gallant,

Acting Manager, Airspace and Rules Division.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**20 CFR Part 416**

RIN 0960-AF84

Determining Income and Resources under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rules.

SUMMARY: We propose to revise our regulations that explain how we determine an individual's income and resources under the supplemental security income (SSI) program in order to achieve three program simplifications. First, we propose to eliminate clothing from the definition of income and from the definition of in-kind support and maintenance. As a result, we generally will not count gifts of clothing as income when we decide whether a person can receive SSI benefits or when we compute the amount of the benefits. Second, we propose to change our resource-counting rules in the SSI program by eliminating the dollar value limit for the exclusion of household goods and personal effects. As a result, we would not count household goods and personal effects as resources when we decide whether a person can receive SSI benefits. Third, we propose to change our rules for excluding an automobile in determining the resources of an SSI applicant or recipient. We propose to exclude one automobile (the "first" automobile) from resources if it is used for transportation for the individual or a member of the individual's household, without consideration of its value. These changes will simplify our rules, making them less cumbersome to administer and easier for the public to understand and follow. Our experience of nearly 30 years of processing SSI claims indicates that these simplifications would have minimal effect on the outcome of SSI eligibility determinations.

DATES: To be sure that we consider your comments, we must receive them by March 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may give us your comments by: using our Internet site facility (*i.e.*, Social Security Online) at <http://policy.ssa.gov/pnpublic.nsf/LawsRegs> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>; e-mail to regulations@ssa.gov; telefax to (410) 966-2830; or letter to the Commissioner of Social Security, P.O. Box 17703, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-7703. You may also deliver them to the Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, 100 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Comments are posted on our Internet site, or you may inspect them on regular business days by making arrangements with the contact person shown in this preamble.

Electronic Version

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Augustine, Social Insurance Specialist, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, 100 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 965-0020 or TTY (410) 966-5609. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The basic purpose of the SSI program (title XVI of the Social Security Act (the Act)) is to ensure a minimum level of income to people who are age 65 or older, or blind or disabled, and who have limited income and resources. The law provides that payments can be made only to people who have income and resources below specified amounts. Therefore, the amount of income and resources a person has is a major factor in deciding whether the person can receive SSI benefits and in computing the amount of the benefits.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) has reported that annual costs to the Federal government for administering means-tested Federal programs are significant and that eligibility determination activities make up a substantial portion of these costs (Means-Tested Programs: Determining Financial Eligibility is Cumbersome and Can Be Simplified, *GAO-02-58*, November 2, 2001 available at <http://www.gao.gov>). In particular, the GAO cited the variations and complexity of Federal financial eligibility rules as contributing to processes that are often duplicative and cumbersome for staff workers (including state and local caseworkers) and for those who apply for assistance. In order to streamline our eligibility determination process, as well as make our financial eligibility rules more consistent with those of other means-tested Federal programs, we propose to make the following changes to our rules on determining income and resources under the SSI program.