

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****14 CFR Parts 200, 217, 234, 241, 247, 248, 249, 250, 291, 298, 374a, 385, 399****RIN 2139-AA03****Technical Amendments; Organizational Change; Miscellaneous Editorial Changes; and Conforming Amendments****AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Transportation Statistics under delegated authority 49 CFR 1.71(a) amends the Secretary's regulations in order to reflect recent Departmental organizational changes, correct outdated organizational and statutory references, and eliminate obsolete provisions. It also makes editorial changes to correct addresses and make other technical corrections. This rule makes no substantive changes to current regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective on December 26, 1995.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background and Purpose**

Responsibility for the Department's aviation information program was transferred from the Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) to the Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) in May 1995. Before RSPA, the function resided in the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) until the sunset of the latter. The office that has this responsibility is the Office of Airline Information (OAI). Before the transfer, this office was known as the Office of Airline Statistics (OAS) and, prior to a 1990 reorganization of RSPA, the Office of Aviation Information Management (OAIM). This rule reflects the transfer by revising those portions of the CFR that still refer to RSPA, CAB, OAS, and OAIM with respect to the aviation information program.

The rule also makes editorial changes throughout the 14 CFR chapter II to eliminate obsolete provisions, and to correct addresses, terminology, cross-references, and outdated titles of Department organizations and officials. These changes are necessitated in part by the revision and recodification of the

Federal Aviation Act within subtitle VII of title 49 of the United States Code (Transportation) by action of Public Law 103-272, enacted July 5, 1994. 14 CFR 399.100 is being removed since it is redundant to 14 CFR part 241 section 19-7(d); the policy regarding release of international passenger origin and destination statistics remains unchanged.

Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment Unnecessary

Since this amendment relates to departmental management, organization, procedure, and practice, notice and comment are unnecessary. The amendments made in this document are ministerial, removing obsolete and redundant material and making minor technical and terminology changes. For the same reason, good cause exists for not publishing this rule at least 30 days before its effective date, as is ordinarily required by 5 U.S.C. 553(d). Therefore, this final rule is effective upon publication in the Federal Register.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040, February 26, 1979). As this rule involves internal agency practices and procedures, it will not impose any costs on the public.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule contains no reporting or recordkeeping requirements.

Federalism

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

National Environmental Protection Act

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics has also analyzed the proposed amendments for the purpose of the National Environmental Protection Act. The amendments will not have any impact on the quality of the human environment.

List of Subjects**14 CFR Part 200**

Air transportation.

14 CFR Part 217

Air carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

14 CFR Part 234

Air carriers, Consumer protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

14 CFR Part 241

Air carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Uniform System of Accounts.

14 CFR Part 247

Air carriers, Airports.

14 CFR Part 248

Air carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Uniform System of Accounts.

14 CFR Part 249

Air carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Truth in lending, Uniform System of Accounts.

14 CFR Part 250

Air carriers, Consumer protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

14 CFR Part 291

Administrative practice and procedure, Air carriers, Freight, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

14 CFR Part 298

Air taxis, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

14 CFR Part 374a

Air carriers, Credit, Political candidates, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

14 CFR Part 385

Organization and functions (Government agencies).

14 CFR Part 399

Administrative practice and procedure, Air carriers, Air rates and fares, Air taxis, Consumer protection, Small businesses.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics under delegated authority 49 CFR 1.71(a) amends the Secretary's regulations in 14 CFR chapter II as set forth below.

PART 200—DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. The authority citation for part 200 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. chapters 401, 411, 413, 415, 417, 461.