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The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to modify Class E airspace at Greenville, MI, by increasing the radius of the controlled airspace for Greenville Municipal Airport. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth is needed to contain aircraft executing instrument approach procedures. The area would 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 7400.9J dated August 31, 2001, and effective September 16, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E designations listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an establishment 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 proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for part 71 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.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 31, 2001, and effective September 16, 2001, is amended as follows:

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Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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AGL MI ES Greenville, MI [REVISED]

Greenville Municipal Airport, MI
(Lat. 43°08'32" N., long. 85°15'16" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 7.1-mile radius of the Greenville Municipal Airport, MI.

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Nancy B. Shelton,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 46

[REG-125450-01]

RIN 1545-AY93

Liability For Insurance Premium Excise Tax

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This document contains proposed amendments to the regulations relating to liability for the insurance premium excise tax. This document affects persons who make, sign, issue, or sell a policy of insurance, indemnity bond, annuity contract, or policy of reinsurance issued by any foreign insurer or reinsurer. This

document also provides a notice of public hearing on these proposed regulations.

DATES: Written or electronic comments, requests to speak and outlines of topics to be discussed at the public hearing scheduled for March 19, 2002, at 10 a.m. must be received by February 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:ITA:RU (REG-125450-01), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:ITA:RU (REG-125450-01), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit comments electronically via the Internet by selecting the “Tax Regs” option on the IRS Home Page, or by submitting comments directly to the IRS Internet site at http://www.irs.gov/tax_regs/reglist.html. The public hearing will be held in room 4718, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the proposed regulations, Amanda Ehrlich, (202) 622-3880; concerning submissions, the hearing, and/or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, Treena Garrett, (202) 622-7180 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The insurance premium excise tax imposed by section 4371 originated as a stamp tax on certain insurance policies in the Act of February 24, 1919, Title IX, section 1100. This provision was re-enacted unchanged in the Revenue Act of 1924, as section 800; in the Revenue Act of 1926, as section 800; and in the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 (1939 Code), as section 1804. Section 1809(a) of the 1939 Code required the tax imposed by section 1804 to be paid “by any person who makes, signs, issues, [or] sells * * * any of the documents [or] instruments * * * [including insurance policies subject to tax] * * * or for whose use or benefit the same are made, signed, issued, [or] sold * * *.” Section 1809(b)(1) of the 1939 Code required the tax to be paid by the purchase of stamps to be affixed to taxable documents.

The insurance premium excise tax imposed by section 1804 of the 1939 Code was reenacted in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (1954 Code) as section 4371. Section 1809(a) and (b)(1) of the 1939 Code (relating to who is

liable for the tax and how it is to be paid) were reenacted as sections 4383 and 4374 of the 1954 Code, respectively. Section 4383 of the 1954 Code was renumbered as section 4384 by the Excise Technical Changes Act of 1958.

Section 4374 was amended in 1965 to authorize the Secretary or the Secretary's delegate to provide by regulations that the tax imposed by section 4371 shall be paid on the basis of a return, instead of by stamp. Excise Tax Reduction Act of 1965, Public Law 89-44, section 804(a), 79 Stat. 136, 160 (1965). Pursuant to this statutory authorization, the Secretary promulgated 26 CFR 46.4374-1 in 1970, which provides that the tax imposed by section 4371 shall be paid on the basis of a return and remitted by the person who pays the premium to a foreign insurer or reinsurer. TD 7023; 1970-1 C.B. 233, 236. For these purposes, the person who makes payment of the premium is the resident person who actually transferred the money, check, or its equivalent to the foreign insurer or reinsurer. The regulation further provided a reference to section 4384 for purposes of determining the persons liable for the tax. § 46.4374-1(a).

The Tax Reform Act of 1976 (1976 Act) combined sections 4374 and 4384 into a single Code section, and eliminated any references therein to the payment of the tax by stamps. Tax Reform Act of 1976, Public Law 94-455, section 1904(a)(12), 90 Stat. 1520, 1812-14 (1976). The 1976 Act repealed section 4374, which had required payment of the tax by stamps or by return pursuant to regulations. It renumbered section 4384 as section 4374, which imposes liability for the tax. Finally, the 1976 Act amended the new section 4374 to require payment of the tax by return. The regulations under section 4374 have not been changed to reflect the 1976 statutory amendments.

Some taxpayers have taken the position, contrary to the statute, that § 46.4374-1 (which does not reflect the 1976 legislative changes) imposes liability and requires payment of tax only if a premium is paid by a resident of the United States. This interpretation ignores the cross-reference in § 46.4374-1(a) to prior Code section 4384 for purposes of determining the persons who are liable for the tax. The proposed regulations revise § 46.4374-1(a) to conform the regulations to the 1976 statutory amendments by providing that any person who makes, signs, issues, or sells any of the documents and instruments subject to the tax, or for whose use or benefit the same are made, signed, issued, or sold, is liable for the tax imposed by section 4371. Section

46.4374-1(c) also provides that the tax imposed by section 4371 shall be paid on the basis of a return by the person who makes payment of the premium to a foreign insurer or reinsurer or to any nonresident agent, solicitor, or broker. If the tax is not paid by the person who paid the premium, the tax imposed by section 4371 shall be paid on the basis of a return by any person who makes, signs, issues, or sells any of the documents or instruments subject to the tax imposed by section 4371, or for whose use or benefit such document or instrument is made, signed, issued, or sold.

Proposed Effective Date

These regulations are proposed to apply to premiums paid on or after the date final regulations are published in the **Federal Register**.

Special Analysis

It has been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations, and because the regulation does not impose a collection of information on small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply.

Comments and Public Hearing

Before these proposed regulations are adopted as final regulations, consideration will be given to any written comments (a signed original and eight (8) copies) that are submitted timely to the IRS. Treasury and the IRS request comments on the clarity of the proposed rule and how it may be made easier to understand. All comments will be made available for public inspection and copying.

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 19, 2002 at 10 a.m., in room 4718, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. All visitors must present photo identification to enter the building. Because of access restrictions, visitors will not be admitted beyond the immediate entrance area more than 15 minutes before the hearing starts. For information about having your name placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this preamble.

The rules of 26 CFR 601.601(a)(3) apply to this hearing. Persons who wish to present oral comments at the hearing must submit written comments and an outline of the topics to be discussed and the time to be devoted to each topic (signed original and eight (8) copies) by February 26, 2002. A period of 10 minutes will be allotted to each person

for making comments. An agenda showing the scheduling of the speakers will be prepared after the deadline for receiving outlines has passed. Copies of the agenda will be available free of charge at the hearing.

Drafting Information

The principal author of these regulations is Amanda Ehrlich of the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (International). However, other personnel from the IRS and Treasury Department participated in their development.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 46

Excise taxes, Insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Proposed Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 46 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 46—EXCISE TAX ON POLICIES ISSUED BY FOREIGN INSURERS AND OBLIGATIONS NOT IN REGISTERED FORM

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 46 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805.

Par. 2. Section 46.4374-1 is revised to read as follows:

§ 46.4374-1 Liability for tax.

(a) *In general.* Any person who makes, signs, issues, or sells any of the documents and instruments subject to the tax, or for whose use or benefit the same are made, signed, issued, or sold, shall be liable for the tax imposed by section 4371.

(b) *When liability for tax attaches.* The liability for the tax imposed by section 4371 shall attach at the time the premium payment is transferred to the foreign insurer or reinsurer (including transfers to any bank, trust fund, or similar recipient, designated by the foreign insurer or reinsurer), or to any nonresident agent, solicitor, or broker. A person required to pay tax under this section may remit such tax before the time the tax attaches if he keeps records consistent with such practice.

(c) *Payment of tax.* The tax imposed by section 4371 shall be paid on the basis of a return by the person who makes payment of the premium to a foreign insurer or reinsurer or to any nonresident agent, solicitor, or broker. If the tax is not paid by the person who paid the premium, the tax imposed by section 4371 shall be paid on the basis of a return by any person who makes, signs, issues, or sells any of the documents or instruments subject to the

tax imposed by section 4371, or for whose use or benefit such document or instrument is made, signed, issued, or sold.

(d) *Penalty for failure to pay tax.* Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this section with intent to evade the tax shall, in addition to other penalties provided therefor, pay a fine of double the amount of tax. (See section 7270.)

(e) *Effective date.* This section is applicable for premiums paid on or after the date final regulations are published in the **Federal Register**.

Robert E. Wenzel,

Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA-B-7423]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed Base (1% annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) and proposed BFE modifications for the communities listed below. The BFEs and modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a

newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed BFEs for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief, Hazards Study Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3461, or (e-mail) matt.miller@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make determinations of BFE and modified BFEs for each community listed below, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed BFEs and modified BFEs, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act

This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Acting Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration certifies that this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because proposed or modified BFEs are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of Section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, Flood insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR Part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376, § 67.4

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

IOWA.—JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA AND INCORPORATED AREAS

Flooding source(s)	Location of referenced elevation	Elevation feet *(NGVD)	Modified	Communities affected
		Effective		
Iowa River	Approximately 10,000 feet upstream of the confluence with Snyder Creek.	*636	*636	Johnson County, City of Iowa City and City of Coralville.
	Just downstream of U.S. Highway 6	*643	*644	
	Approximately 4,000 feet upstream of Coralville Dam	*657	*657	City of Iowa City and Johnson County.
Ralston Creek	Just upstream of the North Branch Ralston Creek Detention Dam.	*699	*700	
	Approximately 500 feet upstream of Scott Boulevard ..	None	*731	