TITLE 14-AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

CHAPTER I-FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

SUBCHAPTER E-AIRSPACE (NEW)

(Airspace Docket No. 61-LA-120)

PART 73-SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE (NEW)

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Alteration of Restricted Area

In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making published in the Federal Register on February 3, 1962 (27 F. R. 1035), it was stated that the Federal Aviation Agency was considering the alteration of the lateral dimensions of the China Lake South, Calif., Restricted Area R-2506.

In a supplemental Notice of Proposed Rule Making published in the Federal Register on September 19, 1962 (27 F. R. 9263), it was stated that the Department of the Navy had submitted information indicating a need for an area larger than that proposed for retention in the original Notice. Further, the Navy had stated a requirement to increase the ceiling of the redesignated area from 6,000 feet MSL to 8,000 feet MSL. Accordingly, the time within which comments were to be received for consideration was extended to October 15, 1962.

A number of objections were received from interested parties objecting to the proposed increase in the ceiling of R-2506. The objectors pointed out that the configuration of present restricted areas in this general area result in considerable additional flying time for an aircraft traveling between Inyokern Airport, Calif., and Trona Airport, Calif. The 2,000-foot increase requested by the Navy would add to the burden presently imposed upon other

airspace users in this area. As a result of the objections received, the Federal Aviation Agency requested the Navy to re-evaluate their requirements at China Lake. The Navy has completed its re-evaluation and has determined that the maneuvers and weapons drop requiring protection to both participating and nonparticipating aircraft can be contained entirely within the present ceiling of 6,000 feet MSL. While it is true some portions of the flight will extrude above 6,000 feet MSL, the Navy has stated that inasmuch as the pilots normally utilizing this area possess a high level of experience, such operations can safely be conducted on a 'see and be seen' basis. Accordingly, the Navy is withdrawing its request for the increase in ceiling.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of the rule herein adopted and due consideration has been given to all relevant matter presented.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Notices, Part 608 of the Regulations of the Administrator has been recodified into a new Part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations which became effective December 12, 1962 (27 F. R. 10352). The airspace action taken herein reflects the new format and numbering system adopted for this Part.

The substance of the proposed amendment having been published, therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator (25 F. R. 12582), and for the reasons stated herein and in the Notice, the following action is taken:

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In § 73.25 California, R-2506 China Lake South, Calif., (27 F. R. 7326, 10352) is amended to read:

R-2506 China Lake South, Calif.

Boundaries. Beginning at Lat. 35° 37' 30" N, Long. 117° 41' 20" W;
to Lat. 35° 28' 00" N, Long. 117° 40' 50" W;
to Lat. 35° 28' 00" N, Long. 117° 47' 00" W;
to Lat. 35° 37' 30" N, Long. 117° 47' 30" W;
to the point of beginning.

Designated altitudes. Surface to 6,000 feet MSL.

Time of designation. Sunrise to sunset, Monday through Friday.

Controlling agency. Federal Aviation Agency, Los Angeles ARTC Center.

Using agency. Commander, Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, Calif.

This amendment shall become effective 0001 EST March 7, 1963.

(Sec. 307(a), 72 Stat. 749; 49 U. S. C. 1348).

s/ D. D. Thomas
Director, Air Traffic Service

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