

# NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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**Effective Date:**  
November 15, 2011

**Cancellation Date:**  
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**SUBJ:** Traffic Flow Management (TFM) System

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**1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends FAA Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, to ensure the new functions associated with the scheduled upgrade to Traffic Flow Management (TFM) system software (referred to as “Release 5/6” or “R5/6”) that introduce new capabilities for TFM equipment to interface with ERAM are not used until ERAM is completely operational in the entire National Airspace System.

**2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations, including the managers of tactical operations (MTO) and traffic management officers (TMO).

**3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** The notice is available on MyFAA employee Web site at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices/](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/) and on the air traffic publications Web site at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications).

**4. Procedures.**

a. Amend FAA Order JO 7110.65, paragraph 4-4-6, to read as follows:

**4-4-6. DIRECT CLEARANCES**

a. Unless operational necessity dictates, do not issue a routing clearance that will take an aircraft off of its flight plan route if:

1. The aircraft is part of a known traffic management initiative.
2. The part of the route under consideration for the direct routing is within a protected segment. If a flight routing within a protected segment is amended, coordination must be accomplished as follows:
  - (a) ATCS: with TMU.
  - (b) Terminal facility TMU: with overlying ARTCC TMU.
  - (c) ARTCC TMU (for amendments outside their facility): with ATCSCC.

No further changes to paragraph.

b. Add the following definition to the Pilot/Controller Glossary:

**PROTECTED SEGMENT-** The protected segment is a segment on the amended TFM route that is to be inhibited from automatic adapted route alteration by ERAM.

**5. Distribution.** This notice applies is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations, including the MTOs and TMOs; air traffic control facilities, except flight service stations; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center and the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service.



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