

NOTICE

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

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June 06, 2012

Cancellation Date:
July 26, 2012

SUBJ: Gulf of Mexico Lateral Separation

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice establishes a 50 NM lateral separation minimum in the Houston Oceanic Control Area/Flight Information Region (CTA/FIR) and the Gulf of Mexico portion of the Miami CTA/FIR. This guidance will be incorporated in Federal Aviation Administration Order (FAAO) JO 7110.65U, Air Traffic Control, Change 1, and effective July 26, 2012.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this Notice is the En Route and Oceanic Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service unit.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** This notice is available on the MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.
- 4. Explanation of Policy Change.** Effective immediately, amend FAAO JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, Chapter 8, Offshore/Oceanic Procedures, Section 8, Caribbean ICAO Region, paragraph 8-8-4, Lateral Separation, by adding new sub paragraph a.3 as follows:

8-8-4. LATERAL SEPARATION

In accordance with Chapter 8, Offshore/Oceanic Procedures, Section 4, Lateral Separation, apply the following:

- a. 50 NM between Required Navigation Performance (RNP 4 or RNP 10) approved aircraft which:
 1. Operate on routes or in areas within WATRS, the San Juan CTA/FIR or the Atlantic portion of the Miami Oceanic CTA/FIR; or
 2. Operate in the New York Oceanic CTA/FIR outside of WATRS; or
 3. Operate in the Houston Oceanic CTA/FIR or the Gulf of Mexico portion of the Miami CTA/FIR.

- 5. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action.** Facility managers at Houston ARTCC, Miami ARTCC, and Jacksonville ARTCC shall ensure the provisions of this notice are briefed to operations managers, front-line managers, controllers-in-charge and air traffic controllers in areas of specialization/facilities prior to the use of these procedures.

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, and System Operations; the ATO Office of Safety; Office of Central and Eastern En Route Oceanic Operations Service Area, Houston ARTCC, Miami ARTCC, Jacksonville ARTCC; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

7. Background. The FAA and Servicios a la Navegación en el Espacio Aéreo Mexicano (SENEAM) agreed to apply 50 NM lateral separation in the Houston Oceanic CTA/FIR and in the Gulf of Mexico portion of the Miami CTA/FIR to aircraft approved for the minimum navigation specification of RNP 10 or RNP 4.

8. Safety Management System. Appropriate safety management documentation, in accordance with FAA Order 1100.161, Air Traffic Safety Oversight, ATO Order JO 1000.37, Air Traffic Organization Safety Management System, and the ATO Safety Management System Manual, has been completed in support of this notice



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