

# NOTICE

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**SUBJ:** Front-line Manager (FLM)/Controller-in-Charge (CIC) Procedures for Providing Air Traffic Control (ATC) Security Services within Land-Based Air Defense Identification Zones (ADIZ)

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- 1. Purpose of this Notice.** This notice establishes procedures and phraseology for providing security services in areas designated in support of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation Security Administration operations offices, the Department of Defense (DOD), or other Federal security elements for national security. These areas will be established through the regulatory process or by Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) issued by the Administrator under title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Sections 91.139, Emergency air traffic rules, 91.141, Flight restrictions in the proximity of the Presidential and other parties, and 99.7, Special security instructions, and will specify that ATC security services are required. The provisions of this notice apply to all aircraft operating under visual flight rules (VFR) in designated security airspace.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to Terminal Services and all associated ATC facilities.
- 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/](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/) and on the air traffic publications Web site at [http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/air\\_traffic/publications](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications).
- 4. Action.** Terminal facility managers shall ensure the provisions of this notice are briefed to all employees with watch supervision responsibilities before assuming an operational position.
- 5. Procedures.** Amend Federal Aviation Administration Order 7210.3U, Facility Operation and Administration, Paragraph 2-1-18, Land-Based Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ), as follows:

## **2-1-18. LAND-BASED AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONE (ADIZ)/AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (ATC) SECURITY SERVICES**

ATC security services are designed to support the national security mission of the FAA and other agencies. A designated security services position has area responsibility for security service. Such positions do not have airspace jurisdiction and are not ATC operational positions for purposes beyond the scope of this section, i.e., transfer of control, communications, point out, etc.

a. The FLM/CIC shall report all instances of loss of radio communication, intermittent transponder, or transponder/Mode C failure, the inability to security track aircraft, and other unusual IFR/VFR flight information to the Domestic Events Network (DEN) through the appropriate lines of communication. Some examples are, but are not limited to, suspicious

activities, deviation from assigned course/altitude, or other equipment malfunction that may cause an aircraft to operate in an unexpected manner. Relay all known information on the aircraft.

b. ATC security services position: The ATC security services position is responsible for providing ATC security services as defined. This position does not provide ATC, IFR separation or VFR flight following services, but is responsible for providing security services in an area comprising airspace assigned to one or more ATC operating sectors and normal airspace jurisdictional constraints do not apply.

c. Facility managers shall:

1. Designate, in a facility directive, which existing positions and frequencies will be used to provide security services when required and the transition procedures from the ATC operational status to the security services position.

2. Ensure that contingency plan parent and support procedures are updated regarding operational capability level (OCL) changes that affect special security areas.

**NOTE-**

*The requirement to establish an ATC security services position, as well as ATC operating position, does not by itself constitute a need for additional staffing nor does it justify or deny facility staffing needs.*

d. When the security services position and the ATC operating position are both staffed, detailed position responsibilities shall be defined in the facility directive.

**NOTE-**

*Airspace sectorization and the workload associated with the normal use of that airspace may degrade the ability of an ATC operating position to provide security services. When this occurs, pilots shall be held outside the security services area in accordance with FAA Order 7110.65, paragraph 9-2-1b(2).*

1. When an ATC security services position is not separately staffed, the appropriate ATC operating position responsible for that airspace will assume the security service responsibilities.

2. Requests for ATC services to VFR aircraft operating within the designated area to enter positive controlled airspace shall be issued by the appropriate radar position in accordance with FAA Order 7110.65 and other applicable directives.

e. Adjacent airport operations:

1. Aircraft that will enter the designated airspace after departing controlled airports within or adjacent to security areas shall be provided security services by the appropriate ATC facility having jurisdiction over the affected airspace. Procedures for handling this situation must be covered in an LOA or facility directive, as appropriate.

2. Aircraft departing uncontrolled airports within security areas must be handled using procedures contained in a NOTAM or rule designating the area where ATC security services are required.

**6. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to select offices within FAA Washington headquarters, service center offices; and ATC facilities of the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Safety, and System Operations Services; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; the Office of the Chief Counsel; and the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service.

**7. Background.** For several years, the ATO has supported national defense initiatives in the Washington, D.C. (D.C. ADIZ), area. In accordance with national directives, this notice prescribes standardized procedures for handling aircraft in all locations where security services are required and establishes approved communications for security tracking of aircraft in security services airspace.

**8. Implementation.** This notice shall be implemented on the effective date and content of this notice will be incorporated into FAA Order 7210.3V, effective July 31, 2008.



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