

NOTICE

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

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SUBJ: Supervisory Notification of Suspicious UAS Activity

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides additional guidance to FAA Order JO 7110.65Y, Air Traffic Control, paragraph 2-1-26, Supervisory Notification.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations, Safety and Technical Training; Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; William J. Hughes Technical Center; and Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

3. Where Can I Find This Notice? This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications website at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

4. Explanation of Policy Change. This change adds suspicious Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) activity to the existing list contained in paragraph 2-1-26, which directs all personnel performing ATC duties to notify the operational supervisor (OS)/controller-in-charge (CIC) of flight activities that could have an impact to sector/position operations. It also adds FAA Order JO 7210.3, Appendix 7, as the reporting reference for suspicious UAS activity.

5. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action. Amend FAA Order JO 7110.65Y by changing paragraph 2-1-26 to read as follows:

2-1-26. SUPERVISORY NOTIFICATION

Title thru e. No change

f. Aircraft/pilot activity, including Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) operation that is considered suspicious, including unauthorized, hazardous, and/or threatening operations, as prescribed in FAA Order JO 7610.4, paragraph 7-3-1, and, for information more specific to UAS, FAA Order JO 7210.3, Paragraphs 2-1-30, 2-1-32, and Appendix 7.

REFERENCE-

FAA Order JO 7610.4, Para 7-3-1, Suspicious Aircraft/Pilot Activity - Application.

FAA Order JO 7210.3, Para 2-1-30, Reporting Suspicious Aircraft/Pilot Activities.

FAA Order JO 7210.3, Para 2-1-32, Reporting Unauthorized, Hazardous, or Suspicious UAS Activities.

FAA Order JO 7210.3, Appendix 7, Unauthorized UAS Sighting Checklist.

No further changes to paragraph

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations, Safety and Technical Training; Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; William J. Hughes Technical Center; and Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

7. Background. Unauthorized or suspicious UAS operations potentially pose the same hazardous conditions as manned aircraft to the safety of flight. Therefore, it is imperative air traffic control personnel report any suspicious aircraft or pilot activity whether it involves manned or unmanned flights.

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