SUBJ: Equipment Suffix and Display Management

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice amends procedures contained within Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order JO 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration, and revises Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) equipment suffix and display management to be consistent with changes to other FAA Orders in support of the ICAO 2012 Flight Plan Change initiative.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations; and all associated air traffic control facilities.


4. Explanation of Changes. This change to Order JO 7210.3, Paragraph 6-9-6, Equipment Suffix and Display Management incorporates ICAO 2012 Flight Plan changes into the En Route Automation System (EAS). This change affects equipment suffixes for RVSM capable aircraft and removes any reference to /Q.

5. Procedures. Amend the following paragraph in FAA Order JO 7210.3, to read as follows:

6-9-6. EQUIPMENT SUFFIX AND DISPLAY MANAGEMENT

RVSM aircraft will file a "W" in the equipment field of an ICAO flight plan, or a suffix showing RVSM capability in a domestic flight plan (/H, /W, /L, or /Z). NAS automation shows non-RVSM aircraft with a coral box around the fourth character in the altitude segment of the data block. The conflict alert function uses the flight plan indication of RVSM capability to determine the appropriate separation standard to apply.

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

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