

Implementation Updates

MEETING 23-01

Jennifer Hendi, FAA/AJV-A250, provided an implementation briefing on the changes to the foreign data depiction on the Enroute and Visual charts. She explained that, as part of a larger effort to modernize the Enroute and Visual Charts, AJV-A proposed to revise the current foreign data depiction with a skeletonized depiction of all aeronautical data that is outside of the U.S. boundary. A briefing of these changes was planned for the April 2020 ACM, which was canceled due to the pandemic. Therefore, a briefing document to describe the proposed changes was emailed to the ACM distribution list. Subsequently, there was a follow up [briefing](#) at the October 2020 ACM. There was ACM concurrence for the changes so between Fall 2020 and Fall 2022, AJV-A worked on the Interagency Air Committee (IAC) specification changes and automation changes necessary to implement this change. A [Charting Notice](#) was issued 13 October 2022 announcing that starting on 29 December 2022 areas outside the U.S. would be skeletonized on all Sectional and VFR charts. On 9 March 2023 another [Charting Notice](#) was issued to announce the foreign data changes to the enroute IFR charts. Those changes are planned for release on 15 June 2023. Jennifer showed a [sample](#) of a sectional chart.

Rich Boll, NBAA, referred to issue [14-01-277](#) and said that at the time of this issue there was considerable interest in maintaining World Aeronautical Charts (WACs), particularly in the Caribbean charts. He's wondering if this decision was vetted in light of those concerns. Guy Copeland, FAA/AJV-A210, said the Caribbean products still exist with the amount of detailed coverage that is required by ICAO. Rich said it's not nearly the same level of information that was available in the past. Guy agreed but said this was a decision about not publishing data outside of the U.S. since the FAA cannot guarantee the accuracy or timeliness of that data. The information that was published outside of the U.S. was never meant to be used for navigation.

Jim McClay, AOPA, said this change came as a surprise to AOPA despite the fact that it had been discussed at the ACM. He thanked Guy for providing information to AOPA when this change went effective. He also thanked Jennifer for making this briefing and requested that in the future we continue to do briefings leading up to significant charting changes. Jennifer said she would leave this briefing open in order to discuss any future issues.