

DOCUMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL/BRIEFING SHEET

FINAL DISPOSITION (INITIAL Not Required)

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CHANGE: Basic

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1. PARAGRAPH NUMBER AND TITLE:

6-2-1, FLIGHT PLAN RECORDING

2. BACKGROUND: DVFR procedures, as contained in FAAH 7110.10 and FAAH 7610.4, were developed over 25 years ago. Those procedures required that DVFR flight plan information be sent to the tie-in ARTCC, who then forwarded the information to NORAD. The pilot had to activate his flight plan (for SAR purposes) with the AFSS and then contact the ARTCC to obtain his beacon code and activate the DVFR flight plan. The ARTCC then forwarded the activation time to NORAD. When these procedures were developed, DVFR traffic was low volume, and the procedures, while very work intensive, were acceptable for this level of activity. With the rapid development of oil fields off both coasts and in the Gulf of Mexico that began during the late 1980s, and the resultant huge increase in helicopter traffic in support of these operations, the procedures quickly proved inadequate for the task.

In the mid 1990s, the Southwest Region began testing a new system for handling DVFR traffic. Using a PC with a Service B drop, the AFSS accepted and transmitted DVFR flight plans directly to NORAD using a specially created address, ZAM. The AFSS assigned the beacon code when the pilot filed his flight plan. This new system and procedure alleviated the burden on the ARTCC and only required one radio contact by the pilot on departure.

3. EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: This change expands the usage of the DVFR flight plan procedures developed in the Southwest Region to all facilities except Alaska. Affected AFSSs will now be the primary contact for DVFR operations, assigning a DVFR beacon code and transmitting all DVFR flight plan information directly to NORAD.

Both Model 1 Full Capacity (M1FC) and OASIS will require flight plan entry modifications for the systems to accept the NORAD address and to transmit the DVFR flight plan correctly. Flight Services 21st Century will perform this process. This change cancels and incorporates N JO 7110.470, Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) Handling of Defense Visual Flight Rules (DVFR), effective June 24, 2007.

4. CHANGE:

OLD

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NOTE-

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a.1.

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(c) PV - VFR flight plans departing from outside the facility's flight plan area.

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(d) DV - DVFR flight plans. M1FC will accept DV flight plans only as a proposal addressed to an ARTCC.

(d) DV - **Do not use. See para 6-6-3a.**

2.(e) thru 2.(i)

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(a) VFR

(a) VFR – **civilian VFR flight plans, including DVFR.**

(b) IFR

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(c) DVFR

(c) DVFR - **Do not use. See para 6-6-3a.**

3.(d) thru 3.(i)

No Change

(j) DVFR STOPOVER

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No further changes to paragraph.

5. **INDEX CHANGES:** None

6. **GRAPHICS:** None

7. **GENOT/NOTICE:** N JO 7110.470, Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) Handling of Defense Visual Flight Rules (DVFR), effective June 24, 2007.

8. **SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT:** (Check appropriate box.)

Proposed change meets full SMS requirements for safety risk assessment.

(For organizations that have not fully implemented SMS), the proposed change is in accordance with FAAO 1100.161, Air Traffic Safety Oversight, Chapter 5, Paragraph 2 requirements.

Proposed change is not safety related.

Comments:



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