

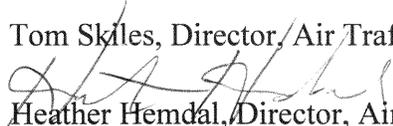


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Memorandum

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Subject: Removal of HTML Files from the FAA Air Traffic Publications Website

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act requires that all electronic and information technology (EIT) developed, procured, maintained or used by the Federal government must be accessible to people with disabilities. Accessibility means that people with disabilities can perceive, understand, navigate and interact with technologies and information at a level that is comparable to the access provided to others without disabilities.

On September 11, 2013, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) issued Order 1351.23, which established guidelines and responsibilities to ensure DOT employees and customers with disabilities have full access to and use of EIT. Unfortunately, all source documents stored on the FAA website that are coded using HTML, including FAA Order 7110.65 and FAA Order 7210.3, must be removed by March 31, 2015, because they aren't compliant with the order. However, PDF versions of these documents will remain on the FAA website at this time.

While we recognize that removing these HTML files will impact some of our air traffic facilities, remaining non-compliant after the March 31 deadline (imposed by the DOT) is no longer an option. To mitigate these effects, AJV-8 is willing to provide an alternate means of delivering those HTML files to the field facilities that require it. Specifically, we would be willing to provide HTML files to each of the Service Centers, delivered electronically and coinciding with every publication cycle, so that they may distribute those HTML files to any of their field facilities.

Long term, we are exploring other options that will help us resolve Section 508 compliance; however, given the March 31 deadline, this was the most feasible option. In order to expedite a resolution to this compliance issue, I have tasked Natking Estevez to work with your organization to finalize the details of the alternate delivery method for these files; he can be reached at 202-267-0859.