

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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Air Traffic Organization Policy

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January 22, 2026

SUBJ: Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) Reports

1. Purpose of this Notice. This notice implements changes to FAA Order JO 7110.65, paragraph 1-2-6, Abbreviations, and paragraph 9-8-1, General. This notice reflects the change from the previously known term, unidentified flying object (UFO), to, unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP) and the reporting of UAP activities.

2. Audience. This change applies to all Air Traffic Organization (ATO) personnel and anyone using ATO directives.

3. Where can I Find This Notice? Information for access to this notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the FAA Air Traffic Plans and Publications website at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications.

4. Explanation of Policy Change. This change to paragraph 1-2-6 replaces the abbreviation of unidentified flying object (UFO) with unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP). This change retitles Section 8 of Chapter 9. This change to paragraph 9-8-1 deletes obsolete information and adds a requirement to inform the supervisor/CIC of any reported or observed UAP activity. In addition, a reference to JO 7210.3, para 4-7-4 is added.

5. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action. Amend FAA Order JO 7110.65, paragraph 1-2-6, and paragraph 9-8-1, as follows:

1-2-4. ABBREVIATIONS

No change through TRSA

Delete:

UFO.....Unidentified Flying Object

Add:

UAP.....Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena

No further changes to paragraph

Chapter 9. Special Flights

Sections 1 through 7 – No change

Section 8. Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) Reports

9-8-1. GENERAL

Inform the operations supervisor/CIC of any reported or observed unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP)/unexplained phenomena activity.

REFERENCE-

FAA Order JO 7210.3, para 4-7-4, Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) Reports.

6. Background. On December 22, 2022, Title 50 United States Code (50 U.S.C.) section 3373, Establishment of All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office, created and defined the term unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP) which effectively, for governmental purposes, replaced the term unidentified flying object (UFO). In addition, section 3373 identifies UAPs as a potential national security concern and establishes agency requirements for collecting reports of UAP incidents, including the FAA. As a result, the FAA will require air traffic control (ATC) to notify the National Tactical Security Operations (NTSO) Air Traffic Security Coordinator (ATSC) team on the Domestic Events Network (DEN) of any pilot reports or air traffic personnel observations of UAP activity.

7. Distribution. This notice is available online and will be distributed electronically to all offices that subscribe to receive email notification/access to it through the FAA website (https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/).

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