

# NOTICE

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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### Air Traffic Organization Policy

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### **SUBJ:** Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) Reports

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**1. Purpose of this Notice.** This notice implements changes to FAA Order JO 7210.3, paragraph 1-2-4, Abbreviations, and paragraph 4-7-4, Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Reports. 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. Facilities are encouraged to develop a checklist with the procedures identified in paragraph 4-7-4.

**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/](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](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications).

**4. Explanation of Policy Change.** This change to paragraph 1-2-4 replaces the abbreviation of unidentified flying object (UFO) with unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP). This change retitles paragraph 4-7-4 and revises subparagraph 4-7-4a with a new requirement for ATC to notify the NTSO ATSC of any pilot reports or air traffic personnel observations of UAP activity, adds a new reporting checklist, and a reference to JO 7110.65, para 9-8-1. New subparagraph 4-7-4b adds the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) website link which ATC facilities may refer others wanting to report UAP activity. Old subparagraph 4-7-4b is renumbered 4-7-4c.

**5. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action.** Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3, paragraph 1-2-4, and paragraph 4-7-4, as follows:

#### **1-2-4. ABBREVIATIONS**

No change through USS

Delete:

UFO.....Unidentified Flying Object

Add:

UAP.....Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena

No further changes to paragraph

#### 4-7-4. UNIDENTIFIED ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA (UAP) REPORTS

a. Pilot reports and/or air traffic personnel observations of unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP) activity must be reported to the National Tactical Security Operations (NTSO) Air Traffic Security Coordinator (ATSC) team on the DEN. Report the following items if available:

**REFERENCE-**

*FAA Order JO 7110.65, para 9-8-1, General.*

1. Call sign of aircraft that reported the UAP or, otherwise, if an air traffic personnel observation;

2. Location, altitude, and flight direction of the reporting aircraft or location of the reporting air traffic personnel;

3. UAP location in relation to aircraft position or air traffic personnel;

4. General description of the UAP, including any known pertinent information (i.e., altitude, direction of flight, speed); and

5. If UAP depicted on ATC radar displays.


b. Other persons wanting to report UAP activity may be referred to the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) website at <https://www.aaro.mil/>.

c. If concern is expressed that life or property might be endangered by UAP activity, report the activity to the local law enforcement department.

**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. In addition, the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) website has the capability of receiving certain UAP reports and is developing a reporting mechanism for the public.

**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/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/)).

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