

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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Air Traffic Organization Policy

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March 19, 2026

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July 9, 2026

SUBJ: Controller Pilot Data Link Communications (CPDLC)

- 1. Purpose of this Notice.** This notice adds new subparagraph f, Blocked List Procedures and re-letters subparagraph f to g. This change completes the incorporation of language from FAA Order JO 7210.79 and affects its cancellation.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Services, Safety and Technical Training, and all associated air traffic facilities.
- 3. Where can I Find This Notice?** This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the Air Traffic Plans and Publications website at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.
- 4. Background.** The Controller/Pilot Data Link Communications (CPDLC) capability is in use in all FAA Air Route Traffic Control Centers and at select airports 24 hours a day dictating the need to move CPDLC policies and procedures currently placed in FAA Order JO 7210.79, Controller Pilot Data Link Communications (CPDLC) in the ERAM Environment. The January 2026 publication did not include the Blocked List Procedures which is now being incorporated into this publication.
- 5. Procedures/Action.** Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3 by changing the following paragraphs to read as follows:

6–10–1. CONTROLLER PILOT DATA LINK COMMUNICATIONS (CPDLC)

Title through Subparagraph e NOTE – No Change

f. Blocked List Procedures

- 1.** Contact ZTL or ZLC flight data unit to manually have an aircraft added or removed from the Blocked List.
- 2.** When aircraft are automatically added to the blocked list by the system, for reasons other than excessive logons, flight data personnel at ZTL and ZLC are directed to remove them from the blocked list manually.

NOTE–

Aircraft that are added to the blocked list for excessive logons will not be automatically removed from the blocked list by flight data personnel at ZTL and ZLC.

g. Technical Operations (TO) personnel must be notified when an outage or problem occurs with any element of the TDLS.

No further changes to paragraph

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, and System Operations, and Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

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