

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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November 6, 2015

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May 26, 2016

SUBJ: Search and Rescue Notification

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** Amend FAA Order JO 7110.10, Flight Service, to accept commercially available tracking service notifications and begin search and rescue activities most appropriate for the circumstances, effective November 06, 2015.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies solely to the Flight Service Directorate within the Air Traffic Organization (ATO).
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** The notice is available on the MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications.
- 4. Procedures.** Amend FAA Order JO 7110.10 as follows:

Paragraph 8-1-2 OVERDUE AIRCRAFT ON FLIGHT PLAN

Consider an aircraft on a VFR or DVFR flight plan overdue:

- a. When it fails to arrive 30 minutes after its ETA and communications or location cannot be established.
- b. When notified by a commercially available tracking service, begin search and rescue activities most appropriate for the circumstances, i.e., a communications search followed by an ALNOT.

Rest of paragraph unchanged

- 5. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations, including the managers of tactical operations and traffic management officers; the Office of ATO Safety and Technical Training; air traffic control facilities, except flight service stations; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; international aviation field offices; and the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service.
- 6. Background.** This modern electronic service was evaluated for relevance to the NAS and it was discovered this service is should improve safety by enhancing search and rescue efficiency.

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