

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Security Notice (SECNOT)

- 1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice amends Federal Aviation Administration Order 7110.10, Flight Services, by adding a new Chapter 6, Section 9, Security Notice (SECNOT).
- 2. Audience. This notice applies to the System Operations Service Unit in the Air Traffic Organization (ATO).
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice? This 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. Explanation of Policy Change**. The FAA has found it necessary to increase security measures within the National Airspace System. The Washington, D.C., Special Flight Rules Area (DC SFRA) is one of the recent security-related changes. Aircraft that enter an ADIZ without proper approval may be intercepted by Department of Defense aircraft, and pilots of the noncompliant aircraft are subject to regulatory and/or legal action. Recent events have highlighted the fact the FAA has no adequate way to search for aircraft that have violated national security procedures. Issuing a SECNOT provides a vehicle that will enable the FAA to locate aircraft that violate national security measures.
- **Procedures.** Add Section 9, Security Notice, to FAA Order JO 7110.10 as follows:

Section 9. Security Notice (SECNOT)

6-9-1. SECURITY NOTICE (SECNOT)

A security notice (SECNOT) is a request originated by the Air Traffic Security Coordinator (ATSC) of the Domestic Events Network (DEN) for an extensive communications search for aircraft involved or suspected of being involved in a security violation. A SECNOT will include the aircraft identification, the search area, and an expiration time. The search area, as defined by the ATSC, can be a single airport, multiple airports, a radius of an airport or fix, or a route of flight. Once the expiration time has been reached, the SECNOT is considered to be canceled.

NOTE-

- 1. The DEN will notify the FSS of the SECNOT by telephone.
- The ATSC may expand the search area or expiration time following the initial notification of the security notice.

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6-9-2. ACTION UPON RECEIPT OF A SECNOT

a. As soon as a SECNOT is received, the facility must attempt to locate the aircraft by checking all airports in the search area that could accommodate the aircraft. Relay the SECNOT to all terminal facilities in the search area.

NOTE-

- 1. Terminal facilities will reply directly to the DEN.
- 2. The DEN is responsible for coordination with ARTCCs.
- **b.** When contacting airports or offices outside official Government agencies, provide no further information other than what is in the SECNOT.
 - c. Upon receiving information about the SECNOT aircraft, immediately notify the DEN.
 - **d.** If the aircraft is located, notify the DEN immediately and cancel the SECNOT.
- **e.** The priority of duty for handling a SECNOT is that of emergency situations as described in Paragraph 1-3-2, Duty Priority.
- **f.** Record the initiation of a SECNOT on FAA Form 7230-4, Daily Record of Facility Operation, or electronic equivalent. Include the aircraft identification, search area, and expiration time in the log entry.

6-9-3. CANCELLATION OF SECNOT

The SECNOT stays current until the aircraft is located, the search is canceled by the ATSC, or when the expiration time is reached.

- **a.** Workload permitting, notify all previously alerted air traffic facilities if the SECNOT is canceled before the expiration time is reached.
- **b.** Record the cancellation on FAA Form 7230-4, Daily Record of Facility Operation, or electronic equivalent.
- **6. Distribution**. This order is distributed to the following ATO service units: System Operations, En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, and Safety Services; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

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