

## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION Air Traffic Organization Policy

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**SUBJ:** Interim Air Traffic Procedures for En Route Information Display System (ERIDS)

- 1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice transmits interim air traffic procedures to support the continued deployment and operational implementation of ERIDS. The notice provides additional guidance to supplement Federal Aviation Administration Order (FAAO) JO 7210.3, Facility Operations and Administration, Chapter 6, Section 2, Sector Information Binders, and Section 3, Operations. The provisions of this notice will be incorporated in a future change to FAAO JO 7210.3.
- **2.** Audience. The audience for this notice is selected Air Traffic Organization (ATO) En Route and Oceanic Services offices in Washington Headquarters; the Eastern, Central, and Western En Route and Oceanic Operations Service Areas; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; and en route air traffic control facilities.
- **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/airports\_airtraffic/air\_traffic/publications.
- **4. Explanation of Policy Change**. This notice renews the content of cancelled N JO 7210.686 and adds additional guidance to allow the development of local procedures to use ERIDS for the recording and dissemination of pilot reports (PIREPs). Requirements are added for backup procedures/processes.
- 5. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action.
  - **a.** Where available, ERIDS must be used to provide controllers with the following information:
    - (1) Sector binder information as contained in FAAO JO 7210.3, paragraph 6-2-2.
    - (2) Notices to Airmen (NOTAM).
    - (3) National directives.
- (4) United States Government flight information publications/Department of Defense flight information publications.
- (5) Other air traffic information and lists determined by facility directives, excluding dynamic operational information; for example, miles-in-trail restrictions, runway in use, weather information other than PIREPs, etc.
- **b.** ERIDS must not be used to disseminate any other information or messages other than those identified in paragraph 5a., except PIREPs.
- **c.** ERIDS may be used by front line managers (FLM), sector controllers or other air route traffic control center employees to record and disseminate PIREPs. Facilities must develop local procedures to document their process if ERIDS is used.

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**d.** Facilities using ERIDS in lieu of paper-based sector information binders must ensure that all information is available and maintained for each operational sector in accordance with the provisions of FAAO JO 7210.3, paragraph 6-2-2.

- **e.** Facilities must develop local procedures to meet the following requirements:
- (1) Facilities using ERIDS must ensure that the provisions of FAAO JO 7210.3, paragraph 6-2-2 are met in the event of an ERIDS outage or degradation. A limited set of safety essential paper backups must be kept and remain in place for each area. As a minimum, appropriate flight information publications and sector binder information for each area must be kept. The backup procedures/processes will ensure that information will be easily accessible to controllers working at operational positions. Access to documents, charts, NOTAMs and other information from the backup procedure/process is available during all situations, including commercial power outages, that may render administrative or FLM workstations inoperable or unusable.
- (2) ERIDS messaging, when configured correctly for combining or decombining positions, assists in sector preparations for transition to and from ERIDS operations.
- (3) Facilities using ERIDS for NOTAM distribution must develop a back up plan in the event ERIDS becomes unavailable/unusable.
- (4) NOTAMs not automatically distributed by ERIDS must be manually forwarded as appropriate.
- (5) A NOTAM page created for an airport must display all pertinent airport and navigational aid (NAVAID) NOTAMs. Pertinent NAVAID NOTAMs must include any facility used for a segment of an instrument approach procedure to that airport. Those NOTAMs may be displayed directly on the airport NOTAMS page or appropriately linked to the airport NOTAMs page.
- (6) Controllers must access and review all applicable airport and NAVAID NOTAMs associated with the instrument approach procedure (IAP) prior to issuing the approach clearance. Two methods are available in ERIDS to meet these requirements:
- (a) The NOTAMs may be on the airport NOTAM page, linked via a separate NAVAID button associated with the specific airport NOTAM page, or
  - (b) The NOTAMS may be displayed on another ERIDS page or tab.
- (7) Controllers must review all pertinent NOTAMS associated with the IAP in the event of an ERIDS outage and those IAPs that are not available in ERIDS.
- **6. Distribution**. This notice is distributed to select ATO En Route and Oceanic Services offices in Washington Headquarters; the Eastern, Central, and Western En Route and Oceanic Operations Service Areas; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; and en route air traffic control facilities.
- **7. Background**. This notice renews the content of cancelled N JO 7210.686 and adds additional guidance to allow the development of local procedures to use ERIDS for the recording and dissemination of PIREPs. Requirements are added for backup procedures/processes.

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**8. Safety Management System**. This notice provides guidance that is nearly identical to the provisions of N JO 7210.686, Interim Air Traffic Procedures for En Route Information Display System (ERIDS), dated May 31, 2008. Consistent with the safety determination for N JO 7210.686, this notice supports mitigations for ERIDS issues. No further safety risk management analysis is needed.

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