

NOTICE

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Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: OPEN SKIES F and D Treaty Aircraft

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This change adds a note on where to find the reference to OPEN SKIES flights that require priority handling. It also clarifies that Central Altitude Reservation Function (CARF) is the entity at the Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC) that is the coordination unit between Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) facilities. Additionally, it adds phone numbers to assist facilities in contacting CARF and DTRA if needed and clarifies the requirement for air route traffic control centers (ARTCC)/combined center radar approach controls (CERAP)/Honolulu Control Facility (HCF) to notify all special use airspace (SUA)-using/scheduling agencies along the route of flight.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, and System Operations; the ATO Office of Safety; and all associated 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/air_traffic/publications.
- 4. Procedures.** Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3, paragraph 5-3-7, to read as follows:

5-3-7. OPEN SKIES F AND D TREATY AIRCRAFT

a. The ATCSCC CARF must be the FAA coordination unit between the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and field facilities for all OPEN SKIES operational information. This includes initial notification and follow-up information on each mission that requires priority handling.

NOTE–

OPEN SKIES flights that require priority handling are located in FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 9-2-22.

b. ARTCCs/CERAPs/HCF must designate and advise the CARF of a focal point within that facility for OPEN SKIES information.

c. Advance scheduled movement information of OPEN SKIES aircraft received from the DTRA will be forwarded by the CARF.

d. Upon initial notification of a priority OPEN SKIES flight, the affected ARTCCs/CERAPs/HCF must inform all SUA-using/scheduling agencies along the route of flight and any other facility/agency it deems necessary within their area of responsibility of the flight path and possible deviation path of the aircraft.

NOTE–

OPEN SKIES flights will not deviate from approved route of flight without ATC clearance.

e. The air traffic manager of each facility through which the priority OPEN SKIES aircraft transits must ensure that a supervisory specialist(s)/CIC monitors the aircraft while in the facility's airspace. The supervisory specialist(s)/CIC must monitor the movement of the priority OPEN SKIES aircraft from the flight's entry into the facility's airspace until the flight exits the facility's airspace to ensure that priority handling, separation, control, and coordination are accomplished.

REFERENCE-

FAAO JO 7110.65, Subpara 2-1-4n, Operational Priority.

FAAO JO 7110.65, Para 9-2-22, Open Skies Treaty Aircraft.

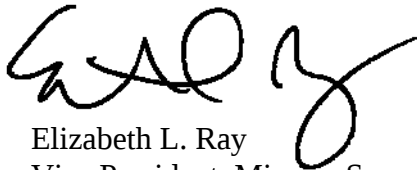
TREATY ON OPEN SKIES, TREATY DOC. 102-37.

f. Air traffic facilities must notify the CARF (540-422-4212/4213) and DTRA Operations (703-767-2003) immediately in the event of any incidents or problems generated by OPEN SKIES aircraft.

g. The CARF must immediately notify System Operations Security/Strategic Operations Security for resolution of problems or incidents, if necessary.

5. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations Services; the ATO Office of Safety; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

6. Background. There has been some confusion on the type of OPEN SKIES flights that get priority handling. Additionally, the CARF at the ATCSCC and the DTRA are to be notified if there are any issues during an OPEN SKIES flight. Finally, for clarification, the notification of using/scheduling agencies of SUA has only been accomplished 15 minutes prior to the OPEN SKIES aircraft reaching the boundary. This has caused problems with the DOD in planning and using SUA.



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