

NOTICE

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

N JO 7400.28

Effective Date:
September 19, 2011

Cancellation Date:
February 9, 2012

SUBJ: Naming of Waypoints, Intersections, and DME Fixes

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice corrects the purpose and background sections of N JO 7400.27, Naming of Waypoints, Intersections, and DME Fixes, dated August 30, 2011. To clarify, a fix or waypoint name change is required if a fix/waypoint is moved 1 nautical mile (NM) or more unless operational requirements dictate otherwise. The change to paragraph 3-3-4 keeps the terminology the same as it is currently published and only changes the numerical value.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations; ATO Safety; and Flight Standards organizations.

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. Cancellation. This notice cancels N JO 7400.27 Naming of Waypoints, Intersections, and DME Fixes, effective August 30, 2011.

5. Action. Amend paragraph 3-4-4 to read as follows:

3-3-4. NAMING OF WAYPOINTS, INTERSECTIONS, AND DME FIXES

Title through e, no change.

f. A fix or waypoint name change is required if a fix/waypoint is moved 1 nautical mile (NM) or more unless operational requirements dictate otherwise.

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

7. Background. Several industry groups have raised concern through the Aeronautical Charting Forum – Charting Group (ACF-CG) that the current FAA practice may cause problems when aircraft are inflight when the on-board avionics database expires. It is recommended the FAA standard be reduced to require a name change whenever a fix is moved 1 nautical mile (NM) or more. This will require a change to FAA Order 8260.19 and FAA Order 7400.2.


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