

NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) in the Vicinity of Disaster/Hazard Areas

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice addresses air traffic procedures associated with TFRs near disaster/hazard areas and deletes flight service station responsibility for TFR notification to air traffic control (ATC) facilities not located in Alaska. This notice also designates the Air Traffic Organization (ATO) Security Coordinator as the coordination facility or a specifically designated air traffic control facility.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, and System Operations Services; the service centers; and air traffic field offices and facilities.

3. Where Can I Find This Notice? This notice is available on 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. Procedures.

a. Amend Federal Aviation Administration Order (FAAO) 7210.3U, Facility Operation and Administration, Paragraph 19-2-6, Caveats to Restrictions, to read as follows:

19-2-6. CAVEATS TO RESTRICTIONS

Title through subparagraph b3. – no change.

4. The operation is conducted directly to or from an airport within the area, or is necessitated by the impracticability of VFR flight above, or around the area because of weather or terrain. Notification must be given to the ATC facility or office that was specified in the NOTAM for coordination with the official in charge of on-scene emergency response activities. Also, the operation does not hamper or endanger relief activities and is not conducted for observing the disaster.

5. The aircraft is carrying properly accredited news representatives and, before entering the area, a flight plan is filed.

c. Section 91.137(a)(3). Restrictions issued in accordance with this section prohibit all aircraft from operating in the designated area unless at least one of the following conditions is met:

1. The operation is conducted directly to or from an airport within the area, or is necessitated by the impracticability of VFR flight above or around the area because of weather or terrain, and the operation is not conducted for the purpose of observing the incident or event. Notification must be given to the ATC facility or office that was specified in the NOTAM for coordination with the official in charge of the activity.

Subparagraphs c2 through c3. - no change.

4. The aircraft is carrying properly accredited news representatives and, before entering that area, a flight plan is filed.

b. Amend Paragraph 19-2-7, Responsibilities, to read as follows:

19-2-7. RESPONSIBILITIES

Title through subparagraph b4. – no change.

5. Designate the ATO Security Coordinator at (202) 267-3333 as the “coordination facility or a designated ATC facility.”

6. Act as liaison between the emergency control authorities and the ATO Security Coordinator, at (202) 267-3333, if adequate communications cannot be established between them.

7. Issue flight restrictions, NOTAM, and appropriate cancellation in a timely manner.

c. The coordination facility shall serve, if assistance is required, as a primary “communications facility,” for communications between the emergency control authorities and the affected aircraft.

No further changes to paragraph.

5. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Safety, and System Operations Services; the service centers; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center and air traffic field offices and facilities.

6. Background. With Lockheed Martin now the contractor for flight service stations (FSS), except in Alaska, Lockheed Martin’s responsibilities have been realigned. The act of notifying other ATC facilities was removed from the contract and this scope was realigned to another organization within the ATO. These procedures were in a previous general notice, but were not published. These changes will not affect any FSSs or automated flight service stations in Alaska.

7. Implementation. This notice shall be implemented on the effective date and the content of this notice will be incorporated into FAAO 7210.3U, change 3, effective August 30, 2007.



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