

NOTICE

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

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December 10, 2015

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May 25, 2016

SUBJ: En Route Flight Advisory Service Realigned to Inflight Position

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends FAA Order JO 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration, to realign En Route Flight Advisory Service to the Inflight position, effective 12/10/15.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, and System Operations, including the managers of tactical operations and traffic management officers.
- 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 as follows:

1-2-4. ABBREVIATIONS

TBL 1-2-1 ABBREVIATIONS

Delete: EFAS – En Route Flight Advisory Service, FW – Flight watch, FWA - Flight watch area, FWCS – Flight watch control station

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

2-4-1. SERVICE HOURS

ATC must be provided during published hours of operation. Early opening or late closing may be occasionally necessary to accommodate traffic which may otherwise divert or cancel its operation because air traffic control is not available at the airport. Good judgment, based on known or observed traffic, must be exercised when deciding to extend operating hours.

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

3-4-2. ASSIGNMENT OF RECORDER CHANNELS

Delete a.3.(a)

Re-letter (b) thru (e) as (a) thru (d)

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

4-6-6 FAA. FORM 7230-10, POSITION LOG

TBL 4-6-3

Field 3 - FSS

Delete: AA-Airport Advisory, AE-Service A Edit, BE-Service B Edit, CO-Coordinator, FW-Flight Watch, TT-Teletype, WC-Weather Coordinator.

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

13-1-1. OPERATING POSITION DESIGNATORS

TBL 13-1-1

Delete: 6. FW-Flight Watch

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

13-2-3. POSITIONS/SERVICES

Delete: f.

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

14-1-2. CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORITY

a. FSS personnel must obtain a certificate of authority from the FAA before performing the following functions:

Delete: 2. Interpretation of weather radar, 4. EFAS (Flight Watch)

Delete: b.

Add: *REFERENCE-*

FAA Order JO 7220.4 FAA Certification of Pilot Weather Briefing

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

Chapter 14. Aviation Meteorological Services and Equipment

Delete: Entire Section 3 En Route Flight Advisory Service

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

Renumber Section 4. as Section 3. Broadcasts**16-2-1. AIRCRAFT CONTACTED**

Delete: e.

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

Delete paragraph: **16-5-2. EFAS MONTHLY REPORT**

Renumber paragraphs 16-5-3 thru 16-5-5 as 16-5-2 thru 16-5-4

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

16-5-3. Distribution and Amendment, renumber as 16-5-2

a. Distribute FAA Form 7230-13 (FSS Activity) as follows:

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

Chapter 16. Facility Statistical Data, Reports, and Forms

Delete: Section 6. FSS Printing of Lists and Tallies (Model 1 Full Capacity)

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

Renumber Section 7. as Section 6. FSS LISTS, LOGS, and TALLIES (OASIS)**16-6-3. TALLIES PRINTING**

b. Pilot Weather Briefing (PWB) Tally: Preflight Domestic, Preflight ICAO, Inflight Domestic, Inflight ICAO.

Delete: e. and f.

Re-letter g. thru i. as e. thru g.

Rest of paragraph unchanged.

5. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations, including the managers of tactical operations and traffic management officers; the Office of ATO Safety and Technical Training; air traffic control

facilities, except flight service stations; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; international aviation field offices; and the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service.

6. Background. The proposed change to realign the En Route Flight Advisory Service (EFAS), known as “Flight Watch” in air-to-ground communications, to the Inflight position is part of an effort by Flight Service to modernize and streamline service delivery in order to increase efficiencies and value for its stakeholders. When EFAS was introduced in 1972, EFAS specialists received advanced training in aviation weather which included translating data received from radar and satellite displays. At the time, only flight service stations providing EFAS services had access to these products. Currently, all CONUS flight service specialists have access to common weather displays, such as radar and satellite imagery, as well as other weather products which were previously available only to EFAS specialists. Today, a pilot contacting Flight Watch for updated weather information is not able to obtain NOTAM information or flight planning services and must contact Flight Service on a different frequency. With this new approach, a pilot can obtain all services that Flight Service has to offer with one call. The elimination of overlapping services will allow for a smarter, more strategic allocation of limited resources.

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Date Signed