

NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Aircraft Call Signs for Sensitive Government Missions

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice adds a paragraph to FAA Order JO 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration, providing guidance pertaining to aircraft call signs used for sensitive government missions.
 - 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, System Operations Services, Safety and Technical Training, and all associated air traffic control facilities.
 - 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications website at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.
 - 4. Explanation of Policy Change.** This change adds new paragraph 5-4-10 which relocates the procedures for U.S. special call sign inquiries from paragraph 12 of FAA Order JO 7110.67, Air Traffic Management Security Services for Special Operations.
 - 5. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action.** Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3 by adding the following paragraph.

5-4-10. AIRCRAFT CALL SIGNS USED FOR SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT FLIGHTS

a. ATO System Operations Security assigns and authorizes U.S. special call signs and beacon codes for flights used by federal (non-DOD), state, local, tribal, and territorial government agencies for the specific purpose of conducting sensitive operations in the NAS, such as law enforcement and surveillance missions. These call signs and beacon codes are not published for security reasons.

NOTE-

This paragraph is not applicable to military call signs, which are a responsibility of the DOD.

b. ATC may contact the Domestic Events Network (DEN) Air Traffic Security Coordinator (ATSC) for immediate issues regarding a particular U.S. special call sign or beacon code used by an aircraft for a sensitive mission.

NOTE-

The DEN ATSC may not possess knowledge of a specific mission.

c. Non-urgent issues regarding the use of U.S. special call signs can be addressed to ATO System Operations Security via email at 9-ATOR-HQ-IFOS@faa.gov.

REFERENCE-

JO 7110.67, Air Traffic Management Security Services for Special Operations.

No further changes to this paragraph

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

7. Background. Air traffic control (ATC) facilities have encountered situations in the operational environment regarding certain U.S. special call signs used for sensitive governmental flight missions. This document change proposal (DCP) relocates, with modifications, the call sign inquiry procedures from paragraph 12 of password-protected FAA Order JO 7110.67, Air Traffic Management Security Services for Special Operations, to enable easier access for ATC facilities.

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