

# NOTICE

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

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**Effective Date:**  
February 1, 2016

**Cancellation Date:**  
November 10, 2016

**SUBJ:** En Route Flight Advisory Service Realigned to Inflight Position

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends FAA Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, to realign En Route Flight Advisory Service to the Inflight position.
- 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/](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/) and on the air traffic publications Web site at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications).
- 4. Procedures.** Delete all references to EFAS, En Route Flight Advisory Service and Flight Watch as follows:

## Paragraph 2-6-2 HAZARDOUS INFLIGHT WEATHER ADVISORY SERVICE

Title thru a. *NOTE*- No change.

Delete “Flight Watch” from *PHRASEOLOGY*-

Sub-paragraph b.1. Delete “Flight WATCH”

Sub-paragraph b.2. *PHRASEOLOGY*- Delete “Flight Watch”

No further changes to paragraph.

## Paragraph 2-9-3 CONTENT

Title thru l. No change

Sub-paragraph m. *EXAMPLE*- Delete “Flight Watch”

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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