

# NOTICE

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

N JO 7110.746

**Effective Date:**  
April 16, 2018

**Cancellation Date:**  
September 13, 2018

**SUBJ:** ATC Service

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides guidance to field facilities for Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) operations at or below 400ft AGL in the National Airspace System (NAS).
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support, and System Operations; 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/](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/) and on the air traffic publications website at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/).
- 4. Cancellation.** This notice will cancel upon publication of FAA Order JO 7110.65X CHG2, effective September 13, 2018.
- 5. Explanation of Policy Change.** This change incorporates the ATO policy that ATC services are not being provided to model aircraft or to any UAS operating at or below 400ft AGL.
- 6. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action.** Amend the following paragraph in FAA Order JO 7110.65:

## 2-1-1. ATC SERVICE

Title thru d.3. Reference, No Change

e. Air Traffic Control services are not provided for model aircraft operating in the NAS or to any UAS operating in the NAS at or below 400ft AGL.

### **NOTE—**

1. *This does not prohibit ATC from providing services to civil and public UAS.*
2. *The provisions of this paragraph apply to model aircraft operating at any altitude. For all other UAS, this paragraph applies only to those UAS operating entirely at or below 400ft AGL.*

### **REFERENCE—**

*P/CG Term – Model Aircraft.*

No further changes to paragraph

- 7. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, and 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.

**8. Background.** Air Traffic Control (ATC) facilities are not equipped to track or visually observe Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) operating at or below 400ft AGL. Currently, ATC services are not being provided to 14 CFR PART 101 and PART 107 operators. There are no requirements for 14 CFR PART 101 and PART 107 operators to maintain two-way radio communication with ATC. 14 CFR PART 101 and PART 107 require the UAS to remain clear of all other aircraft. In addition, 14 CFR PART 101 and PART 107 require UAS operations to be conducted in a manner that would not endanger the safety of the NAS. The Air Traffic Organization (ATO) is extending that policy to include any UAS operating at or below 400ft AGL.

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