

NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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Cancellation Date:
February 28, 2019

SUBJ: VHF/UHF Voice Communication

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice adds the requirement to utilize VHF/UHF voice communication in the application of paragraph 6-1-1, Distance.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units and facilities: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Security, 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. Cancellation.** This notice is cancelled upon the publication of the requirement in FAA Order JO 7110.65X Change 3 on February 28, 2019.
- 5. Explanation of Policy Change.** This notice clarifies the requirement for use of direct pilot/controller VHF/UHF voice communication for application of distance-based nonradar procedures. The procedures are found within FAA Order JO 7110.65 Chapter 6 and align with ICAO PANS-ATM Doc. 4444 requirements.

6. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action.

Amend FAA Order JO 7110.65X by changing the following paragraph to read as follows:

6-1-1. DISTANCE

Use mileage-based (DME and/or ATD) procedures and minima only when direct pilot/controller VHF or UHF voice communications are maintained.

- 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.** The nonradar ATD and DME procedures contained in FAA Order JO 7110.65 Chapter 6 are based upon ICAO Procedures for Air Navigation Services-Air Traffic Management (PANS-ATM) Doc. 4444 Chapter 5, paragraph 5.4.2.3.1 which specifies "direct pilot/controller VHF voice communication" as a requirement for distance-based nonradar separation. In FAA Order JO 7110.65 Chapter 6, paragraph 6-1-1, the term "direct pilot/controller communication" has been understood to mean direct voice communication. However, as new technologies such as controller/pilot

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data link communication (CPDLC) have emerged, the definition of direct pilot/controller communication has also changed. While CPDLC is considered a form of direct pilot/controller communication, its use for application of distance-based procedures as outlined in FAA Order JO 7110.65 Chapter 6 would not meet the requirements of paragraph 6-1-1. In this instance, technology has evolved such that a requirement in the 7110.65 no longer aligns with its intended purpose.

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