

NOTICE

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

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Cancellation Date:
February 28, 2019

SUBJ: Types of Broadcasts and Reducing Recorded Weather Information Services

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice removes Telephone Information Briefing Service (TIBS) as a service provided in the contiguous United States and clarifies that it is only available in Alaska.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: All facilities within the FSS directorate.
- 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 will cancel upon publication of FAA Order JO 7110.10Z Change 3, Flight Services, effective, February 28, 2019.
- 5. Explanation of Policy Change.** This change documents that Telephone Information Briefing Services (TIBS) will only be provided by Alaska Flight Service Stations.

- 6. Procedures.** FAA Order JO 7110.10Z. Amend the following paragraphs to read as follows:

2-1-1. TYPES OF BROADCASTS

Weather and flight information must be broadcast/recorded by one or more of the following categories:

- a. Transcribed Weather Broadcast (TWEB). (Alaska only.)
- b. Telephone Information Briefing Service (TIBS). (**Alaska only.**)
- c. Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory Service (HIWAS).
- d. Automatic Flight Information Service (AFIS). (Alaska only.)

No further changes to paragraph

2-1-3. REDUCING RECORDED WEATHER INFORMATION SERVICES

Recorded weather information services **in Alaska** (TWEB and TIBS) may be reduced during the hours of 1800-0600 local time only. Adjust full broadcast service times to coincide with daylight hours. When a broadcast period is reduced, record the time the broadcast will be resumed, and advise users to contact flight service for weather briefings and other services.

PHRASEOLOGY–

THE TIBS RECORDING IS SUSPENDED. REGULAR RECORDED WEATHER SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED AT (time) ZULU/ (time) LOCAL. FOR PILOT WEATHER BRIEFINGS AND OTHER SERVICES, CONTACT FLIGHT SERVICE (phone number or additional telephone instructions, as appropriate).

THE TWEB RECORDING IS SUSPENDED. REGULAR RECORDED WEATHER SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED AT (time) ZULU/ (time) LOCAL. FOR PILOT WEATHER BRIEFING AND OTHER SERVICES CONTACT FLIGHT SERVICE (frequency or phone number, as appropriate)

No further changes to paragraph

2–3–1. GENERAL

Title through subparagraph c. No Change

EXAMPLE-

11 Special Announcements

12 Route FAI to GAL

13 Route FAI to AKP

14 Route FAI to FYU

17 Current Weather – FAI-ANC

18 Current Weather – Interior AK.

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. Flight Service has provided Telephone Information Briefings Service (TIBS) since the early 1980s. Telephone recordings were produced by Flight Service specialists working the Broadcast position in order to provide weather and aeronautical information that pilots could access without contacting a specialist. The recordings were tailored to fit the needs of an individual facility and its geographic location, and updated as necessary. When these broadcasts were originally conceived there was a large demand for briefings from a specialist and wait times could be extremely long.

At the time, when pilots had no other choice but to call Flight Service to obtain weather and NOTAMs for the route of flight, TIBS alleviated the workload of the specialists and helped to reduce wait times for pilots. However, with the advent of the internet and other technology, the demand for the services of a Flight Service specialist has dropped considerably. From over 3,000 specialists in more than 300 facilities during the early 1980s, staffing has decreased to fewer than 500 specialists in four facilities. Pilots no longer need to “call” a Flight Service specialist or listen to telephone recordings of route and area briefings containing aviation weather and aeronautical information to adhere to 14 CFR 91.103. Currently, in the contiguous United States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico there are multiple sources providing pilots access to weather and aeronautical information. This information, presented in a graphical format, makes it easier to visualize activity along their proposed route of flight; at little to no cost. This change does not apply in Alaska due to terrain features and weather conditions, and accessibility limitations.

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