

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Traffic Organization Policy

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Cancellation Date:

March 2, 2014

SUBJ: En Route Traffic OPSNET Reports and Oceanic Entries

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice extends the National Offload Program's (NOP) responsibility for recording and transmitting Air Traffic Operations Network (OPSNET) traffic count data at air route traffic control centers (ARTCC) using En Route Automation Modernization (ERAM) and clarifies OPSNET data entry for oceanic traffic counts in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order JO 7210.55, Operational Data Reporting Requirements, and the Air Traffic OPSNET Data Reporting System User Manual.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) units: En Route and Oceanic Services, System Operations Services, and Information Technology Office.

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/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications

4. Cancellation. This notice cancels N JO 7210.809, En Route OPSNET Reports and Oceanic Entries, effective March 23, 2012.

5. Explanation of Policy Change.

a. Air traffic activity counts for ERAM-equipped ARTCCs will be recorded and transmitted to OPSNET by the NOP.

b. OPSNET data entries for oceanic traffic must be entered by ARTCCs until this count is automated through the NOP. These operations must only be counted as overflights, not as departures and overflights.

6. Procedures. To ensure OPSNET data is recorded correctly:

a. Daily and monthly recording and transmission of OPSNET traffic count data at ARTCCs using ERAM must be performed by the NOP.

b. OPSNET data entries for oceanic traffic must be entered by ARTCCs until this count is automated through the NOP. These operations must only be counted as overflights.

7. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic and Terminal, the Office of ATO Safety and Technical Training; System Operations Services, excluding flight service stations; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

8. Background. FAA Order JO 7210.55 requires ARTCCs to record and transmit daily and monthly traffic count data on instrument operations to OPSNET. However, ERAM-equipped ARTCCs do not keep this data at the local level since it is handled by the NOP. The order needs to be changed to accommodate the NOP's role in an ERAM environment.

FAA Order JO 7210.3, Chapter 9, Facility Statistical Data, Reports, and Forms, states that oceanic operations are not categorized as departures, arrivals, and overs. OPSNET permits oceanic operations to be entered as departures and overflights. This inappropriate categorization has led to inflated traffic counts for some ARTCCs when oceanic "departures" are doubled under the traffic counting option that permits departures to be multiplied by two rather than counting arrivals and departures. Limiting OPSNET data for oceanic operations to the "overflight" category will prevent this traffic count inflation.



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