

NOTICE

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

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Effective Date:
September 6, 2021

Cancellation Date:
December 2, 2021

SUBJ: Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operations on Airports

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides guidance to ATO facility personnel for evaluating, approving, and denying authorizations regarding UAS operations on airports.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations, Safety and Technical Training; Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; William J. Hughes Technical Center; and Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

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 canceled upon the publication of FAA Order JO 7210.3CC, Change 1, effective December 2, 2021.

5. Explanation of Policy Change. This change adds the policy for evaluating, approving, and denying requests for authorizations regarding UAS operations on airports.

6. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action. Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3 by changing paragraphs 4-3-2, 5-5-2, and 19-6-1 to read as follows:

4-3-2. APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS

Title thru l. No change

m. Between an air traffic control facility and a fixed site operating under Section 44809. For all operations occurring on-airport, follow procedures outlined in FAA Order JO 7200.23, Processing of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Requests, Chapter 2, Processing of Section 44809 Authorization Requests.

No further changes to paragraph

5-5-2. OPERATIONS

Title thru f., No change

g. For all operations occurring on-airport, follow procedures outlined in FAA Order JO 7200.23, Processing of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Requests, Chapter 6, 14 CFR Part 91 Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA) Processing.

No further changes to paragraph

19-6-1. GENERAL

Title thru d., No change

e. For all operations occurring on-airport, follow procedures outlined in FAA Order JO 7200.23, Processing of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Requests, Chapter 3, Processing of 14 CFR Part 107.41 Airspace Authorization Request.

No further changes to paragraph

7. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, 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 FAA is committed to the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in the NAS, including UAS operations on and near airports. In order to provide consistency, a standard process to evaluate and issue an appropriate determination is required when approving or denying these requests.

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