

ORDER

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

8020.6C

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SUBJ: GENERAL AVIATION ACCIDENT NOTIFICATION SUSPENSE AND FOLLOW-UP SYSTEM

1. PURPOSE. This Order revises 8020.6B and provides a method to facilitate accident data retrieval.
2. DISTRIBUTION. This Order is distributed to regional directors; Washington Offices of Flight Operations, Airworthiness, and Aviation Safety; Flight Standards and General Aviation District Offices; all international aviation field offices and facilities; the Bureau of Accident Investigation; and the Flight Standards National Field Office. It pertains to all offices having a responsibility for reporting and/or investigating general aviation aircraft accidents.
3. CANCELLATION. Order 8020.6B, General Aviation Accident Notification Suspense and Follow-Up System, dated July 25, 1977, is cancelled.
4. BACKGROUND. The NTSB Form 6120.19, Preliminary Accident/Incident Resume Report, is the basis for a monthly automatic data processing (ADP) system operated and maintained by the Safety Data Branch. It facilitates retrieval of accident data prior to the submission of the factual report of investigation. This system also produces a report that informs concerned offices of the status of accident investigative reporting. It also provides a continuing record of those accidents for which a final report has not been received and there has been a time lapse of 60 days or more since the occurrence of the accident.
5. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES.
 - a. The Safety Data Branch (AFO-580) will process the NTSB Forms 6120.19 into the ADP system. Sufficient information will be provided to adequately identify the accident and the organization responsible for a timely submission of the final accident report. When the factual report of investigation is received and processed by AFO-580, the record will be deleted from the monthly ADP listing of outstanding reports. On the beginning of each month, the Safety Data Branch will generate a report (RIS: AC 8020-6, Accidents Due by Region/GADO of Occurrence) showing accident reports due by region/GADO of occurrence that exceed the 60 day limit. These reports will be forwarded in duplicate to Regional General Aviation Branches.
 - b. Regional offices will use these monthly ADP reports to review the performance of subordinate organizations for the timely completion and submission of the factual report of investigation.

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c. General Aviation and Flight Standards District Offices will review the monthly ADP report for accuracy. The information should correctly identify the accident so that the factual report of investigation can readily be associated with the entry on the listing when it is received in AFO-580. If any of the following discrepancies are evident, the listing should be noted and returned to AFO-580:

- (1) Incorrect date or "N" number of aircraft.
- (2) An accident is shown but a factual report of investigation has been submitted to AFO-580.
- (3) The accident investigation is the responsibility of another district office.
- (4) The accident was downgraded to an incident but has not been removed from the list.



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