

ORDER

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

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**SUBJ: ESTABLISHING AND SCHEDULING CIVIL PUBLIC-USE STANDARD
INSTRUMENT PROCEDURE EFFECTIVE DATES**

1. PURPOSE. This order provides policy for establishing public use standard instrument approach procedure (SIAP) and obstacle departure procedure (ODP) effective dates. It ensures that aeronautical charts and supporting data will not be released to the public until it is known that the supporting navigation equipment will perform satisfactorily and that all procedural data on the charts are correct and confirmed by flight inspection. It provides guidance regarding designation of associated controlled airspace for instrument procedures, including those based on area navigation (RNAV). It further ensures that the FAA **will not** assign an effective date for a procedure until all necessary action, including flight inspection, has been completed.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed in Washington headquarters to the branch level in the Offices of Communications, Navigation, and Surveillance Systems and Airport Safety and Standards; to Flight Standards, Air Traffic, and Airway Facilities Services; to the National Flight Data Center (ATA-110); to the National Aeronautical Charting Office, Requirements and Technology Staff (AVN-503); to the National Flight Procedures Office (AVN-100) and to the Regulatory Standards Division (AMA-200) at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; to the branch level in the regional Flight Standards, Air Traffic, Airway Facilities, and Airports Divisions; to all Flight Inspection Offices; International Flight Inspection Office; special mailing list ZVN-826; and Special Military and Public Addressees.

3. CANCELLATION. Order 8260.26C, Establishing and Scheduling Standard Instrument Procedure Effective Dates, dated March 12, 1999, is canceled.

4. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES.

a. Added information to the functional area distribution codes and responsibilities to reflect organizational changes.

b. Paragraph 1. Reworded the purpose paragraph to quote the Administrator's comments of November 20, 1972, in support of the original order.

c. Paragraph 5. Expanded the background paragraph to provide a more inclusive history of and rationale for the order.

d. Paragraph 7a(1). Added a reference to Order 8260.43, Flight Procedures Management Program (latest version).

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e. Paragraph 7a(3). Added a note to clarify that original SIAPs may be effective on a Change Notice date.

f. Paragraph 7a(4). Changed the .26 message date to provide 38 days lead time vice 31 days to accommodate development of the FAA National Flight Database (NFD). Additionally, a note has been added to define en route charting changes.

g. Paragraph 7a(5). Changed this paragraph to specify textual obstacle departures.

h. Paragraph 7b. Expanded this paragraph to include the regional National Airspace System (NAS) Implementation (ANI) Divisions' responsibilities.

i. Paragraph 7b(5). Added a reference to Order 7900.2, Reporting of Electronic Navigation Aids and Communications Facilities Data to the National Flight Data Center (latest version).

j. Paragraph 7f(5). Changed the flight inspection lead-time to 39 days vice 32 days to accommodate the revised .26 message lead-time.

k. Paragraph 7f(6). Revised the .26 message process to allow use of the AVN File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site. Additionally, the .26 message content has been expanded to include a statement that flight inspection has been completed.

l. Paragraph 7g(2). Added the requirement for NFDC to publish facility and fix changes for proposed procedures not later than the Thursday following receipt of a .26 message.

m. Paragraph 7g(3). Added the requirement for NFDC to promulgate proposed procedures and associated changes not later than the Friday following receipt of a .26 message

NOTE: Changes to paragraphs 7g(2) and 7g(3) are as agreed to by all at the January 14, 2004 Aeronautical Information Services Working Group (AISWG) meeting.

n. Paragraph 7g(4). Added the requirement for National Flight Data Center to publish facility-commissioning NOTAMs received from the regional OCC.

o. Paragraph 9. Added AFS-400 as the approval authority for deviations other than charting suspense dates.

p. Extended the Instrument Procedures/Airspace Processing Schedules in appendix 1 to include Aeronautical Information Regulation and Control (AIRAC) charting dates and associated submission cutoff dates through the year 2010.

5. BACKGROUND.

a. Prior to the original order, when a facility was not commissioned as scheduled, the SIAP could be published but required a Flight Data Center (FDC) Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) on the effective date specifying that the procedure not be authorized. In some cases, the NOTAM remained in effect for extended periods before the facility was eventually commissioned, or a determination was made that the facility would never be commissioned. Consequently, the

procedure, although published, was never authorized and subsequently had to be canceled. This directive was originally developed in response to National Transportation Safety Board recommendation A-71-19 to ensure that instrument approach procedure charts associated with new navigational aid (NAVAID(s)) commissioning will not be released to the public until it is known that the supporting NAVAID(s) perform satisfactorily and that all procedural data are correct and have been confirmed by flight inspection.

b. This order was also developed to provide procedure specialists, flight inspection personnel, charting agents, and aircrews a shorter response time to publish and use procedures after flight inspection. However, it must be remembered that the en route charting cycle is tied to airspace actions and is not as dynamic as the cycle for terminal data. En route data, including airways, NAVAIDs, airspace, fixes, graphic departure procedures (DPs), standard terminal arrivals (STARs), and digital aeronautical information must be effective on a pre-established 56-day international AIRAC cycle date. This data is also used to develop the Digital Aeronautical Chart Supplement (DACS) which is the source document for the National Airspace System (NAS). The DACS is used to develop instrument flight rule (IFR) en route charts and air traffic control radar video maps, to program Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) computers, and is the source for the development of avionics databases. The lead-time for these products will not accommodate the 38-day suspense allowed for terminal procedures under this order. Adherence to this order will ensure improved service to the user and more complete and accurate approach charts.

c. This order was expanded in 1999 to include instrument procedures that are not dependent on ground-based NAVAIDs. It was also expanded to include any procedure submitted as "Proposed" under Order 8260.19, Flight Procedures and Airspace (latest version), which did not impact en route charting. Submission schedules were revised to include cutoff dates for instrument flight procedure (IFP) types other than SIAPs. Additionally, guidance for controlled airspace designation was provided.

6. SCOPE. This order affects the FAA's regional operating divisions; the National Flight Data Center (NFDC), ATA-110; the National Flight Procedures Office (NFPO), AVN-100; the National Aeronautical Charting Office (NACO), AVN-500; and the Flight Inspection Operations Division, AVN-200. It provides guidance relating to flight inspection of new/relocated NAVAIDs and new/amended instrument flight procedures, components of the NAS, and policy for processing and publishing instrument flight procedures.

7. PROCEDURES.

a. General.

(1) The development and/or modification of instrument procedures must be a closely coordinated process both within and outside of the affected FAA Regional Office. Order 8260.43A, Flight Procedures Management Program, as well as this order should be followed to ensure the coordinated, timely publication of proposed procedures. The Regional Airspace and Procedures Team (RAPT) and the National Airspace and Procedures Team (NAPT) are the established coordination mediums to assist in this effort.

(2) The effective date for commissioning, decommissioning, or altering a component of the NAS having a direct bearing on the IFR capability of the facility or system, must coincide with one of the pre-established international AIRAC charting dates – see

appendix 1. Establishment of a procedure effective date must be coordinated through the RAPT between the NFDC and the NFPO. Commissioning notices and all information related to proposed commissioning dates of NAVAIDs must also be coordinated between NFDC and the NFPO. For advance notification requirements to NFDC, refer to Order 7900.2, Reporting of Electronic Navigation Aids and Communication Facilities Data.

(3) Government produced procedure charts are published every 56 days as a set of terminal procedures publication (TPP) volumes, with a change notice (CN) printed on the intermediate 28th day (except for Alaska). Both publications contain civil and military SIAPs and DP's effective on the date of the publication; however, graphic ODPs, standard instrument departures (SIDs), and STARs may only be effective on TPP dates.

NOTE: An original SIAP may be assigned a CN effective date provided the procedure does not require en route charting changes, the airport information is published in the Airport/Facility Directory (AFD), and all currently published SIAPs for the airport are in the Volpe format.

(4) Any SIAP may be submitted to NFDC as "proposed," under Order 8260.19, and assigned an effective date via message (.26 message) provided the SIAP requires no en route charting changes. The .26 message must be received at NFDC and NACO not later than 38 days prior to the desired effective date – see appendix 1. **The message must indicate that flight inspection has been completed.**

*NOTE: En route chart changes are those changes that require **modification of an IFR En route Chart, graphic DP, STAR, or the DACS**; e.g., adding a new fix, changing the location of a currently charted fix, adding DP or STAR charting, etc. Amending a Form 8260-2 that does not affect the aforementioned chart and digital products; e.g., adding a currently charted en route fix to an instrument approach procedure chart is not considered an en route chart change and is acceptable under this order.*

(5) A textual ODP (FAA Form 8160-15A) may also be assigned an effective date via a .26 message provided it has been submitted to be effective "concurrent" with a proposed SIAP (see Order 8260.19, chapter 8).

NOTE: Graphic ODPs, SIDs, and STARs are controlled by en route charting submission and effective dates and may not be assigned an effective date by a .26 message.

(6) On those occasions where a .26 message must be used to assign an effective date for an approach that requires en route charting changes (new or re-located feeder fixes, airspace changes, new NAVAID, etc.), the flight inspection of the en route items must be completed and the applicable forms submitted to NFDC at least nine weeks prior to the effective date. A .26 message may be used to assign an instrument approach procedure effective date only after the en route charting items are in place and have been promulgated. These procedures must be effective on TPP dates only.

b. Regional Airway Facilities (AF) and/or NAS Implementation (NI) Divisions must:

(1) Establish a schedule of proposed commissioning dates through the RAPT for new and/or restoration dates for relocated or modified NAVAIDs in the NAS. Give full consideration to equipment delivery dates, site availability, procedure development time, installation schedules, seasonal weather factors, flight inspection scheduling, and contractor's

performance requirements. Proposed commissioning dates must be selected to coincide with an international AIRAC 56-day cycle and must be coordinated with NFDC and the Flight Inspection Central Operations Office (FICO). Additionally, concurrence must be obtained from the regional Air Traffic and Airports Divisions and the regional Flight Procedures Office (FPO). The regional AF Division concurrence must also be obtained if ANI has scheduled oversight.

(2) Distribute proposed commissioning dates, including non-Federal navigation facilities (14 CFR Part 171) and Airport Improvement Program (AIP) projects, to the FICO and all interested offices within the affected region. Keep them advised of any anticipated delays that might be encountered in the installation of individual system components that will impact published procedures.

(3) Direct the appropriate Operational Control Center (OCC) to contact the FICO to coordinate a flight inspection no later than 10 days prior to the requested date. Note that the appropriate Flight Inspection Office (FIO) must complete a satisfactory flight inspection of the facility and the SIAP/textual departure at least 39 days prior to the estimated date of commissioning. After a successful flight inspection, notify the FPO and the regional Flight Standards and Air Traffic Divisions that the facility is ready for commissioning.

(4) Issue a commissioning or facility restoral NOTAM at 0901Z on the effective date agreed upon.

(5) Provide site survey data on new, relocated, or modified facilities to NFDC, the FPO, and the Flight Inspection Technical Support Branch, AVN-210, not later than 120 days prior to the anticipated completion of such activity. See Order 7900.2, Reporting of Electronic Navigation Aids and Communications Facilities Data, to the National Flight Data Center.

c. Regional Airports Divisions must: As requested, and on a case-by-case basis, provide regional Air Traffic and Airway Facilities Divisions and the FPO a copy of the airport drawing accompanying an Airport Improvement Plan (AIP) request, a drawing accompanying the Notification of Change of Airport Status for Non-AIP Proposals, or the latest Airport Master Record. These drawings will be used by charting agencies to determine runway length, width, and alignment, as well as taxiway configuration, terminal complex, control tower, and hangar layout. These data should be submitted prior to final flight inspection so that charting agencies might properly depict airport configuration.

d. Regional Air Traffic Divisions must:

(1) Take the necessary action to establish airways, routes, SIDs, and STARs to be effective on the proposed facility commissioning date.

(2) Complete the necessary rulemaking process to ensure that controlled airspace is available for the protection of planned procedures and airways, and will be effective on the planned facility commissioning date or proposed SIAP effective date (see Order 8260.19C, paragraph 402 and chapter 5, section 2).

(3) Coordinate with the FPO through the RAPT process on all matters affecting proposed flight procedures and airspace action requests.

(4) A requirement for minor adjustment to existing controlled airspace to fully encompass an instrument procedure does not necessarily form the basis for withholding procedure publication. An approach procedure may be published prior to obtaining the optimum configuration of controlled airspace when the following conditions exist:

(a) The centerline of all terminal routes is located within existing controlled airspace.

(b) The procedure turn area, out to and including the specified completion distance, is contained within existing controlled airspace.

(c) The final approach fix is contained within existing controlled airspace.

e. Regional Flight Standards Divisions must: When there is an expressed interest regarding a proposed procedure, coordinate with the appropriate FPO through the RAPT process to ensure the actions of the concerned divisions will culminate in meeting the publication date agreed upon.

f. Aviation Systems Standards (AVN) must:

(1) Coordinate the development of a proposed procedure through the RAPT process based on the planned facility location. Obtain sufficient airport data and details to enable complete procedure development and determination of controlled airspace requirements (see Order 8260.19).

(2) Review the status of proposed procedures through the RAPT process to determine those procedures that can be published in the appropriate TPP or CN. The effective date of a procedure is the same date as the publication date.

(3) Forward requests for airspace action through the FPO to the regional Air Traffic Division for appropriate action to ensure the airspace is designated on or before the proposed commissioning date of the facility.

(4) Forward the proposed original, amended, or canceled SIAP, based on the new, relocated, or decommissioned facility, to NFDC for final administrative review and publication in the transmittal letter (TL). Submit proposed procedures to arrive in NFDC a minimum of ten weeks before the SIAP proposed effective date.

(5) Complete a commissioning flight inspection of the facility and a flight inspection of proposed SIAPs at least 39 days before the planned commissioning/desired effective date. Complete the flight inspection of items that require en route changes to allow all procedural information to be submitted to NFDC at least nine weeks before the proposed commissioning/desired effective date.

(6) Notify NFDC and NACO via the AVN File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site, or other appropriate means, of the effective date of the procedure. If a "canceled" procedure is concurrent with an "original" procedure, include the effective date for the canceled procedure in the message. Include in the notification any final changes to the procedure that are required as a result of a flight inspection. If changes are substantial, e.g., requiring re-submission of the

8260 series forms, coordinate with NFDC and the regional Air Traffic and Airway Facilities Divisions, etc. to establish a later effective date for the procedure. Effective date messages must be received in NFDC **not later than 38 days** before the desired procedure effective date. Format the message as follows:

To: ATA-110

From: AVN-100

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAA ORDER 8260.26 (latest version), THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

BLUE RIDGE, MARTINSVILLE, VA

LOC RWY 30 ORIG. FLIGHT INSPECTION COMPLETE. PROCEDURE EFFECTIVE 19 FEB 04 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

AIRPORT ELEVATION 942. DISTANCE FAF TO MAP: 5.03 THLD 5.03. CIRCLING HAA 618 ALL CATS. DME MINIMUMS CIRCLING HAA 618 ALL CATS.

SDF RWY 30 AMDT 2A CANCELED EFFECTIVE 19 FEB 04.

NAME
MANAGER, AVN-XXX

(7) When changes are required, include only the one affected procedure in the .26 message including any procedure cancellations. If no changes are required, you may include multiple procedures in a single .26 message.

(8) Publish the procedure(s) in the U.S. Government TPP or CN on the designated effective date as specified in the TL.

g. The National Flight Data Center (NFDC), ATA-110, must:

(1) Publish the proposed procedure in the TL at least seven weeks prior to the proposed effective date.

(2) Publish the original/revised facility and fix data in the National Flight Data Digest (NFDD) as soon as possible, but not later than the Thursday following receipt of the .26 message.

(3) When notified by the NFPO via the .26 message, publish the procedure, along with any revisions indicated in the message, in the TL on the Friday following receipt of the .26 message.

(4) Publish commissioning and/or restoral NOTAMs initiated by the regional OCC.

8. NON-FEDERAL FACILITIES. The procedure for commissioning facilities and establishing SIAPs should be identical for non-Federal facilities approved in accordance with 14 CFR Part 171, including those established under the AIP. The regional Airway Facilities Divisions have primary responsibility for monitoring the installation progress for non-Federal facilities, including facilities installed under AIP. The FPO, through the RAP, must ensure that all

regional Airway Facilities Division requirements are satisfied prior to commissioning and establishing a SIAP on a non-Federal facility.

9. DEVIATIONS. Every attempt should be made to successfully coordinate the development of a complete and accurate instrument approach procedure prior to the selection of a publication date. Requests for deviation from the charting suspense dates must be minimal and made to the Manager, Aeronautical Information Division, ATA-100. The request must be made by the branch manager (or higher) level with convincing justification for the deviation. Other deviations to this order require approval of the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, AFS-400, through the Flight Procedure Standards Branch, AFS-420.

10. SCHEDULE. Appendix 1 contains a listing of the submission and publication schedules for aeronautical products. When the specified "cutoff date" falls on a holiday, products must arrive at NFDC not later than the last workday preceding the holiday. The scheduled dates have been adjusted to account for known holidays at the time the appendix was developed. ATA-100 is responsible for ensuring that temporary changes to the scheduled dates are promulgated to all concerned agencies. The Flight Procedure Standards Branch, AFS-420, must coordinate all permanent changes to the schedules with the NACO, the NFPO, and with the NFDC.

11. INFORMATION UPDATE. For your convenience, FAA Form 1320-19, Directive Feedback Information, is included at the end of this order to note any deficiencies found, clarifications needed, or suggested improvements regarding the contents of this order. When forwarding your comments to the originating office for consideration, please use the "Other Comments" block to provide a complete explanation of why the suggested change is necessary.

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Director, Flight Standards Service

APPENDIX 1. INSTRUMENT PROCEDURE/AIRSPACE PROCESSING SCHEDULES

2004 (LY) CUTOFF DATES

2005 CUTOFF DATES

2006 CUTOFF DATES

2007 CUTOFF DATES

2008 (LY) CUTOFF DATES

2009 CUTOFF DATES

2010 CUTOFF DATES

2004 (LY) CUTOFF DATES (1)

EFFECTIVE DATE	TEXTUAL DPs INST APPROACH PROC		EN ROUTE MTR PREF RTS ARTCC BND	GRAPHIC DPs STARS	SIAP TRANSMITTAL LETTER	
	CUTOFF FOR SUBMISSION	.26 MSG (PROP IAP)			NUMBER	DATE
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
25 Dec 03	16 Oct 03	20 Nov 03	23 Oct 03	16 Oct 03	03-25	7 Nov 03
* 22 Jan 04	13 Nov 03	15 Dec 03	N/A	N/A	04-01	5 Dec 03
19 Feb 04	11 Dec 03	12 Jan 04	18 Dec 03	11 Dec 03	04-03	2 Jan 04
* 18 Mar 04	8 Jan 04	9 Feb 04	N/A	N/A	04-05	30 Jan 04
15 Apr 04	5 Feb 04	8 Mar 04	12 Feb 04	5 Feb 04	04-07	27 Feb 04
* 13 May 04	4 Mar 04	5 Apr 04	N/A	N/A	04-09	26 Mar 04
10 Jun 04	1 Apr 04	3 May 04	8 Apr 04	1 Apr 04	04-11	23 Apr 04
* 8 Jul 04	29 Apr 04	28 May 04	N/A	N/A	04-13	21 May 04
5 Aug 04	27 May 04	28 Jun 04	3 Jun 04	27 May 04	04-15	18 Jun 04
* 2 Sep 04	24 Jun 04	26 Jul 04	N/A	N/A	04-17	16 Jul 04
30 Sep 04	22 Jul 04	23 Aug 04	29 Jul 04	22 Jul 04	04-19	13 Aug 04
* 28 Oct 04	19 Aug 04	20 Sep 04	N/A	N/A	04-21	10 Sep 04
25 Nov 04	16 Sep 04	18 Oct 04	23 Sep 04	16 Sep 04	04-23	8 Oct 04
* 23 Dec 04	14 Oct 04	15 Nov 04	N/A	N/A	04-25	5 Nov 04

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- (2) 10 weeks prior to desired effective date - Order 8260.26.
- (3) 38 days prior to desired effective date - Order 8260.26. If IAP has NAVAID or fixes affecting en route charts, apply Note (4).
- (4) 9 weeks prior to desired effective date - Order 7031.20. Preferred routes - Order 7210.3. 90 days for ARTCC boundaries - Order 7900.1.
- (5) 10 weeks prior to desired effective date - Order 8260.46 (DP), Order 7100.9 (STAR), Order 8260.40 (FMS).
- (6) Even numbered Transmittal Letters are for NFDC internal use.

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2005 CUTOFF DATES (1)

EFFECTIVE DATE	TEXTUAL ODPs INST APPROACH PROC		EN ROUTE MTR PREF RTS ARTCC BND	GRAPHIC DP's STARS	SIAP TRANSMITTAL	
	CUTOFF FOR SUBMISSION	.26 MSG (PROP IAP)			LETTER	
					NUMBER	DATE
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
* 23 Dec 04	14 Oct 04	15 Nov 04	N/A	N/A	04-25	5 Nov 04
20 Jan 05	10 Nov 04	13 Dec 04	17 Nov 04	10 Nov 04	05-01	3 Dec 04
* 17 Feb 05	9 Dec 04	10 Jan 05	N/A	N/A	05-03	31 Dec 04
17 Mar 05	6 Jan 05	7 Feb 05	13 Jan 05	6 Jan 05	05-05	28 Jan 05
* 14 Apr 05	3 Feb 05	7 Mar 05	N/A	N/A	05-07	25 Feb 05
12 May 05	3 Mar 05	4 Apr 05	10 Mar 05	3 Mar 05	05-09	25 Mar 05
* 9 Jun 05	31 Mar 05	2 May 05	N/A	N/A	05-11	22 Apr 05
7 Jul 05	28 Apr 05	27 May 05	5 May 05	28 Apr 05	05-13	20 May 05
* 4 Aug 05	26 May 05	27 Jun 05	N/A	N/A	05-15	17 Jun 05
1 Sep 05	23 Jun 05	25 Jul 05	30 Jun 05	23 Jun 05	05-17	15 Jul 05
* 29 Sep 05	21 Jul 05	22 Aug 05	N/A	N/A	05-19	12 Aug 05
27 Oct 05	18 Aug 05	19 Sep 05	25 Aug 05	18 Aug 05	05-21	9 Sep 05
* 24 Nov 05	15 Sep 05	17 Oct 05	N/A	N/A	05-23	7 Oct 05
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2006 CUTOFF DATES (1)

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22 Dec 05	13 Oct 05	14 Nov 05	20 Oct 05	13 Oct 05	05-25	4 Nov 05
* 19 Jan 06	10 Nov 05	12 Dec 05	N/A	N/A	06-01	2 Dec 05
16 Feb 06	8 Dec 05	9 Jan 06	15 Dec 05	8 Dec 05	06-03	30 Dec 05
* 16 Mar 06	5 Jan 06	6 Feb 06	N/A	N/A	06-05	27 Jan 06
13 Apr 06	2 Feb 06	6 Mar 06	9 Feb 06	2 Feb 06	06-07	24 Feb 06
* 11 May 06	2 Mar 06	3 Apr 06	N/A	N/A	06-09	24 Mar 06
8 Jun 06	30 Mar 06	1 May 06	6 Apr 06	30 Mar 06	06-11	21 Apr 06
* 6 Jul 06	27 Apr 06	26 May 06	N/A	N/A	06-13	19 May 06
3 Aug 06	25 May 06	26 Jun 06	1 Jun 06	25 May 06	06-15	16 Jun 06
* 31 Aug 06	22 Jun 06	24 Jul 06	N/A	N/A	06-17	14 Jul 06
28 Sep 06	20 Jul 06	21 Aug 06	27 Jul 06	20 Jul 06	06-19	11 Aug 06
* 26 Oct 06	17 Aug 06	18 Sep 06	N/A	N/A	06-21	8 Sep 06
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					NUMBER	DATE
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* 21 Dec 06	12 Oct 06	13 Nov 06	N/A	N/A	06-25	3 Nov 06
18 Jan 07	9 Nov 06	11 Dec 06	16 Nov 06	9 Nov 06	07-01	1 Dec 06
* 15 Feb 07	7 Dec 06	8 Jan 07	N/A	N/A	07-03	29 Dec 06
15 Mar 07	4 Jan 07	5 Feb 07	11 Jan 07	4 Jan 07	07-05	26 Jan 07
* 12 Apr 07	1 Feb 07	5 Mar 07	N/A	N/A	07-07	23 Feb 07
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	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
20 Dec 07	11 Oct 07	9 Nov 07	18 Oct 07	11 Oct 07	07-25	2 Nov 07
* 17 Jan 08	8 Nov 07	10 Dec 07	N/A	N/A	08-01	30 Nov 07
14 Feb 08	6 Dec 07	7 Jan 08	13 Dec 07	6 Dec 07	08-03	28 Dec 07
* 13 Mar 08	3 Jan 08	4 Feb 08	N/A	N/A	08-05	25 Jan 08
10 Apr 08	31 Jan 08	3 Mar 08	7 Feb 08	31 Jan 08	08-07	22 Feb 08
* 8 May 08	28 Feb 08	31 Mar 08	N/A	N/A	08-09	21 Mar 08
5 Jun 08	27 Mar 08	28 Apr 08	3 Apr 08	27 Mar 08	08-11	18 Apr 08
* 3 Jul 08	24 Apr 08	23 May 08	N/A	N/A	08-13	16 May 08
31 Jul 08	22 May 08	23 Jun 08	29 May 08	22 May 08	08-15	13 Jun 08
* 28 Aug 08	19 Jun 08	21 Jul 08	N/A	N/A	08-07	11 Jul 08
25 Sep 08	17 Jul 08	18 Aug 08	24 Jul 08	17 Jul 08	08-09	8 Aug 08
* 23 Oct 08	14 Aug 08	15 Sep 08	N/A	N/A	08-21	5 Sep 08
20 Nov 08	11 Sep 08	10 Oct 08	18 Sep 08	11 Sep 08	08-23	3 Oct 08
* 18 Dec 08	9 Oct 08	10 Nov 08	N/A	N/A	08-25	31 Oct 08

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					NUMBER	DATE
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
* 18 Dec 08	9 Oct 08	10 Nov 08	N/A	N/A	08-25	31 Oct 08
15 Jan 09	6 Nov 08	8 Dec 08	13 Nov 08	6 Nov 08	09-01	28 Nov 08
* 12 Feb 09	4 Dec 08	5 Jan 09	N/A	N/A	09-03	26 Dec 08
12 Mar 09	31 Dec 08	2 Feb 09	8 Jan 09	31 Dec 09	09-05	23 Jan 09
* 9 Apr 09	29 Jan 09	2 Mar 09	N/A	N/A	09-07	20 Feb 09
7 May 09	26 Feb 09	30 Mar 09	5 Mar 09	26 Feb 09	09-09	20 Mar 09
* 4 Jun 09	26 Mar 09	27 Apr 09	N/A	N/A	09-11	17 Apr 09
2 Jul 09	23 Apr 09	22 May 09	30 Apr 09	23 Apr 09	09-13	15 May 09
* 30 Jul 09	21 May 09	22 Jun 09	N/A	N/A	09-15	12 Jun 09
27 Aug 09	18 Jun 09	20 Jul 09	25 Jun 09	18 Jun 09	09-17	10 Jul 09
* 24 Sep 09	16 Jul 09	17 Aug 09	N/A	N/A	09-19	7 Aug 09
22 Oct 09	13 Aug 09	14 Sep 09	20 Aug 09	13 Aug 09	09-21	4 Sep 09
* 19 Nov 09	10 Sep 09	9 Oct 09	N/A	N/A	09-23	2 Oct 09
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					NUMBER	DATE
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17 Dec 09	8 Oct 09	9 Nov 09	22 Oct 09	15 Oct 09	09-25	30 Oct 09
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* 11 Mar 10	31 Dec 09	1 Feb 10	N/A	N/A	10-05	22 Jan 10
8 Apr 10	28 Jan 10	1 Mar 10	4 Feb 10	28 Jan 10	10-07	19 Feb 10
* 6 May 10	25 Feb 10	29 Mar 10	N/A	N/A	10-09	19 Mar 10
3 Jun 10	25 Mar 10	26 Apr 10	1 Apr 10	25 Mar 10	10-11	16 Apr 10
* 1 Jul 10	22 Apr 10	24 May 10	N/A	N/A	10-13	14 May 10
29 Jul 10	20 May 10	21 Jun 10	27 May 10	20 May 10	10-15	11 Jun 10
* 26 Aug 10	17 Jun 10	19 Jul 10	N/A	N/A	10-17	9 Jul 10
23 Sep 10	15 Jul 10	16 Aug 10	22 Jul 10	15 Jul 10	10-19	6 Aug 10
* 21 Oct 10	12 Aug 10	13 Sep 10	N/A	N/A	10-21	3 Sep 10
18 Nov 10	9 Sep 10	8 Oct 10	16 Sep 10	9 Sep 10	10-23	1 Oct 10
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