



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

Air Traffic Organization Policy

**ORDER
JO 7110.127**

Effective Date:
April 4, 2019

SUBJ: National Airspace System (NAS) Processing of Foreign Aircraft Flight Identifications with a Numeric Prefix

1. Purpose of This Order. This order provides procedures for the processing of foreign aircraft flight identifications containing a numeric prefix. Additionally, it standardizes the use of the letter "Q" as the leading character in lieu of the letter "X" as specified in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order JO 7110.10, Flight Services, Paragraph 6-3-4, IFR Flight Plan Control Message Format.

2. Audience. This directive applies to the following Air Traffic Organizations (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services (AJT), including all Air Traffic Control (ATC) facilities, FAA Contract Towers and Non-Federal Control Towers; Mission Support (AJV); System Operations Services (AJR), including the David J. Hurley Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC), the Directors of Tactical Operations, System Operations Security, Flight Services Program Operations, the Alaska Flight Services Information Area Group; select offices and services within Washington Headquarters; the William J. Hughes Technical Center (WJHTC); Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center (MMAC) and Department of Defense (DOD).

3. Where Can I Find This Order? This order is available on the MYFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the FAA website at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices/.

4. Background. Currently, NAS automation platforms will not accept aircraft flight identifications beginning with a digit-letter combination. To date, approximately 47 nations utilize registration prefixes that start with a numeric character. While a small number of actual flight operations from these countries are occurring in the NAS, the air traffic facilities that are providing services to these aircraft have had to develop local procedures to enable NAS processing of the flight plan. As a result, a number of different characters ("Z," "X," "N," etc.) are being used as the leading character. Some of these characters conflict with the standard aircraft registration designations specified in FAA Order JO 7340.2, Contractions, and have created identification problems when foreign aircraft attempt to land at airports outside of the NAS.

A change to FAA Order JO 7110.10, Flight Services, subparagraph 6-3-4g.2, substituting the letter "Q" for the letter "X" will be implemented concurrent with the effective date of this order.

5. Procedures. Apply the following procedures for aircraft flight identifications that begin with a numeric registration prefix:

a. Air traffic personnel providing flight services are responsible for inserting a "Q" into Field 02 of the IFR flight plan as the first character for flight identifications consisting of six or less characters with a numeral as the first character, in accordance with FAA Order JO 7110.10, Flight Services, subparagraph 6-3-4g.2. The specialist must also explain the modification in the remarks section.

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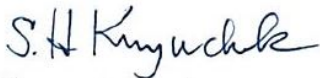
EXAMPLE—

The flight plan for an aircraft flight identification of 9HRA would be amended to Q9HRA.

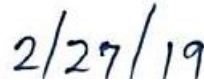
NOTE—

Currently, there are two countries with aircraft flight identifications that can consist of seven characters beginning with a number. This order does not apply to these aircraft since a “Q” cannot be added to these identifications without the removal of another character.

- b.** Do not state the “Q” prefix in communications with the aircraft.
 - c.** Unless otherwise specified in a Standard Operating Procedure, verbally coordinate the aircraft’s actual flight identification (FLID) when conducting intrafacility transfers of control.
 - d.** Verbally coordinate the aircraft’s actual flight identification (FLID) when conducting interfacility transfers of control.
- 6. Distribution.** This Order is distributed to ATO service units: Air Traffic Services (AJT), Mission Support (AJV), System Operations Services (AJR), including the David J. Hurley Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC), the Directors of Tactical Operations, System Operations Security, Flight Services Program Operations, the Alaska Flight Services Information Area Group, FAA contract ATC service providers and all ATC facilities; select offices and services within Washington Headquarters, the William J. Hughes Technical Center (WJHTC), Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center (MMAC) and Department of Defense (DOD).
- 7. Safety Risk Management.** Appropriate safety management documentation, in accordance with FAA Order 1100.161, Air Traffic Safety Oversight, ATO Order JO 1000.37, Air Traffic Organization Safety Management System, and the ATO Safety Management System Manual, has been completed in support of this order.



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Date Signed

APPENDIX A. Nationality Marks for the 47 Countries Using a Numeric Prefix

Registration	Country
2	Bailiwick of Guernsey (United Kingdom)
3A	Monaco
3B	Mauritius
3C	Equatorial Guinea
3D	Swaziland
3X	Guinea
4K	Azerbaijan
4L	Georgia
4O	Montenegro
4R	Sri Lanka
4W	Yemen
4X	Israel
4YB	Arab Air Cargo (Jordan)
5A	Libya
5B	Cyprus
5H	United Republic of Tanzania
5N	Nigeria
5R	Madagascar
5T	Mauritania
5U	5U Niger
5V	Togo
5W	Samoa
5X	Uganda
5Y	Kenya
6O	Somalia
6V,6W	Senegal
6Y	Jamaica
7O	Yemen
7P	Lesotho
7QY	Malawi
7T	Algeria
8P	Barbados
8Q	Maldives
8R	Guyana
9A	Croatia
9G	Ghana
9H	Malta

Registration	Country
9J	Zambia
9K	Kuwait
9L	Sierra Leone
9M	Malaysia
9N	Nepal
9Q	Democratic Republic of the Congo
9U	Burundi
9V	Singapore
9XR	Rwanda
9Y	Trinidad and Tobago