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SUBJ: Flight Inspection of Foreign-Owned Air Navigation Facilities

1. Purpose of This Order. This order establishes Technical Operations, Aviation System Standards (AJW-3) policy for the addition, deletion, and annual requirements of flight inspection activities deemed essential to U.S. military operations conducted on foreign-owned air navigation aids (NAVAIDs) by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

2. Audience.

- **a.** This order affects the following FAA offices:
 - (1) International Office of Aviation,
 - (2) Flight Inspection Central Operations (FICO), and
 - (3) Flight Inspection Operations Group (FIOG), to include Flight Inspection Field Office international crewmembers.
- **b.** This order also affects non-FAA organizations including:
 - (1) Office of Transportation Policy (Aviation Safety), Bureau of Economic, Energy & Business Affairs Department of State (DoS),
 - (2) Air Force Flight Standards Agency (AFFSA) USAF,
 - (3) Air Mobility Command 375th Air Mobility Wing Operations Group, Detachment 1,
 - (4) Air Force Reserve Command 507 Operations Group, 1ASF,
 - (5) Airspace and Air Traffic Control Standards and Evaluation Agency (NAATSEA) US Navy,
 - (6) US Army Aeronautical Services Agency, and
 - (7) Executive Director Department of Defense (DoD) Policy Board on Federal Aviation (HQ USAF/A3O-B).

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/. Copies may be obtained from AJW-3, Manager of DoD Programs for Flight Inspection (AJW-334AF).

4. Cancellation. This order cancels Order VN 8200.3A, Policy with Respect to Military Program Procedures for Flight Inspection of Foreign-Owned Air Navigation Facilities, dated February 1, 2001.

5. Explanation of Policy Changes. This order updates the processes learned while supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn. It clarifies the criteria for military authorities to add foreign-owned NAVAIDs, approach procedures, and data which supports those facilities and procedures. Also, this order adds the requirement for military authorities to provide a signed cover letter indicating the appropriate reviews have been completed prior to requesting additions to the essential list. The order adds a two-year limitation to keep NAVAIDs on the essential list unless military authorities justify their need to remain. Finally, this order updates conditions under which Aviation System Standards will flight inspect a foreign-owned NAVAID facility.

6. Objective. The FAA will provide flight inspection on a non-reimbursable basis to properly justified foreign-owned NAVAIDs designated as essential to the US military worldwide.

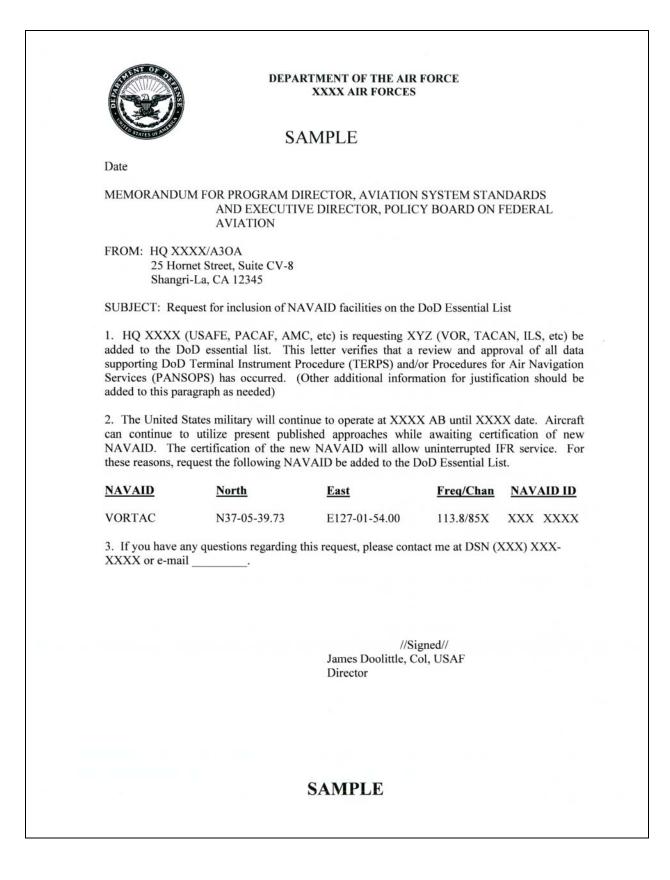
7. Department of Defense Pre-Flight Inspection Requirements. Military requests for flight inspection of foreign-owned NAVAIDs designated as essential to U.S. military operations will be routed from the military department headquarters to the Executive Director of DoD Policy Board on Federal Aviation. The Executive Director will review the request and forward to the Director of AJW-3 ensuring the following criteria are met before a foreign-owned NAVAID is added to the list for flight inspection:

a. The DoD will review and approve all data supporting the requested NAVAID for accuracy before it will be included on the list and flight inspected.

b. The DoD will review and approve all data supporting approach procedures, such as lights (VGSIs), etc. associated with a NAVAID on the essential list for accuracy before the procedure will be included on the list and flight inspected.

c. The DoD will review all associated procedures for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS) or Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANSOPS) criteria and data and procedural accuracy. Before flight inspection, the DoD will approve all associated procedures designed by any commercial or governmental organizations other than FAA or DoD. After AJW-3 receives a signed coversheet with the standard FAA procedure package, the procedures will be included on the list and flight inspected.

d. In all cases, the DoD will provide a signed cover letter to the Director of AJW-3 and the Executive Director of the DoD Policy Board on Federal Aviation once the appropriate review has been completed. A sample letter is available on Page 3.



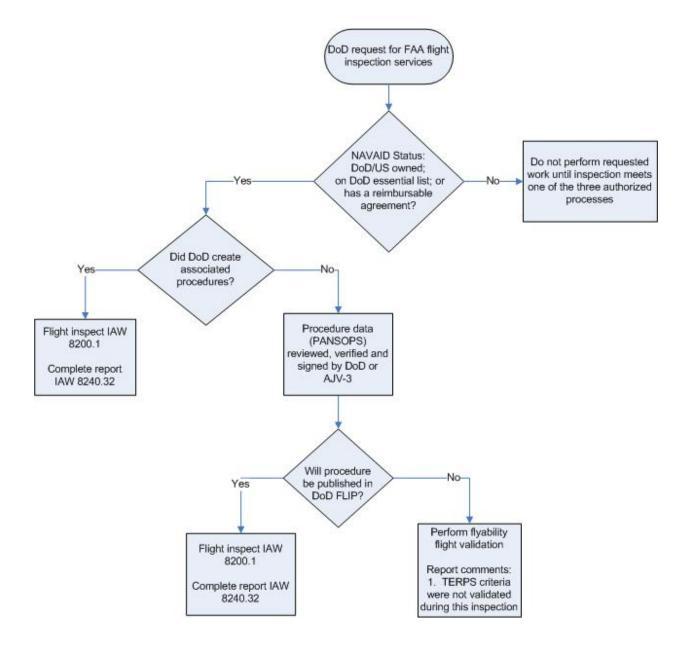
8. Federal Aviation Administration Responsibilities.

- **a.** AJW-3 will include the expiration date on the annually approved list.
- b. AJW-3 will annually review and publish the DoD foreign-owned essential NAVAID List.
 - (1) The review will be coordinated with the appropriate service headquarters and the Executive Director of the DoD Policy Board on Federal Aviation. The annually published list will be dated and signed by the Director of AJW-3.
 - (2) AJW-3 will only flight inspect NAVAID facilities if one of the conditions exist:
 - (a) The facility is DoD/U.S. owned,
 - (b) The facility is on the DoD Essential NAVAID list, or
 - (c) There is a reimbursable agreement in place to perform the requested work.

The process described in Paragraph 8.b.(2) is detailed in the flowchart on Page 5.

9. NAVAID Removal. Foreign-owned NAVAIDs will be removed by AJW-3 from the list after two years unless the military department justifies their need to remain.

10. Emergency Flight Inspection Requests. AJW-3 responds to emergency flight inspection of foreign-owned air navigation facilities requests from DoD or to combat/ contingency operations requests from allied nations. The inspections are done when the request has been approved through appropriate U.S. command levels and DoD has obtained the necessary concurrence of the foreign government for FAA aircraft and aircrews to perform the requested inspections. In the case of an emergency request, the FAA will request a waiver of the advanced payment requirement. Upon approval of that request or receipt of the advanced payment, AJW-3 will execute the inspection. The AJW-3 Director will promptly report to the FAA Administrator and the International Office of Aviation when any emergency flight inspection is provided.



Flight Inspection of Foreign-Owned NAVAID Flowchart

11. Host Nation Assuming Flight Inspection of NAVAIDs formerly on DoD Essential List.

When the DoD and AJW-3 are satisfied a host nation government can perform flight inspection of NAVAIDs currently on the DoD Essential list, the facility will be removed from the approved list. AJW-3 will coordinate a smooth transition to a foreign country assuming flight inspection responsibility of the NAVAID. This will include, but not be limited to:

a. AJW-3 coordinates the transition with appropriate service headquarters and the Executive Director, DoD, Policy Board on Federal Aviation;

b. AJW-3 supplies the country with copies of past flight inspection reports on the facility when requested;

c. AJW-3 supplies the country with flight inspection schedules and current periodic interval for the facility when requested.

d. When it is feasible to transfer flight inspection services to a host country, the Office of International Aviation will conduct negotiations through the DoS to obtain an agreement between the host nation, the FAA and DoS. The DoD is responsible for immediately informing the DoS, FAA Office of International Aviation, and the appropriate foreign government whenever any foreign-owned air navigation facility is deleted from the list of essential facilities.

12. Distribution. This order is distributed to the Executive Director Department of Defense Policy Board on Federal Aviation, the Executive Offices of the U.S. Military services, the Office of International Aviation, and the team level in AJW-3.

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