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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
SOUTHERN REGION

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SUBJ: VFR FLIGHT PLANNING TO THE BAHAMAS, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

1. PURPOSE. This Order provides information on the availability of radio frequencies in the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands through which flight plans may be closed.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This Order is distributed to the branch level in the Regional Air Traffic and Flight Standards Divisions, to all Air Traffic field facilities, all Flight Standards District Offices and International Field Offices.

3. CANCELLATION. Order SO 7110.3H dated 2/15/91.

4. ACTION.

a. Flight Service Specialists shall ensure that radio frequency information is provided for all pilots of aircraft planning flights to civil airports in the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands. Pilots shall be briefed that closure of their flight plans with Nassau via commercial telephone or telegraph will be at their personal expense. Pilots who do not have radio capability on the frequencies listed in Appendix 1 should be requested to indicate on their flight plan the method they will use to close the flight plan and with whom the closure will be filed.

b. Flight plans to locations in the Bahamas shall be addressed to the Nassau FSS (MYNAZRZX) or Freeport FSS (MYGFZGZX).

c. Flight plans to locations in the Turks and Caicos Islands shall be addressed to Miami AIFSS (KMIAYFYX).

* d. Miami AIFSS shall keep the Regional Air Traffic Division informed of changes to the data contained in Appendix 1.

e. If loss of communication occurs, VFR flights may continue. Flight plans will be accepted for record purposes only. Pilots will be advised that flight notification messages cannot be transmitted and that search and rescue services will not be provided. Pilots will be advised to contact the appropriate facility (Miami/Nassau/Freeport FSS radio) via radio and provide all required notification information as soon as possible. Miami AIFSS will transmit the appropriate message contained in Appendix 2. *

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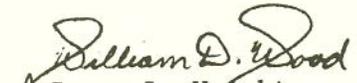
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5. BACKGROUND. The failure of pilots to close their flight plans when flying to the Bahamas area continues to create major problems for the south Florida FAA facilities. Frequently an exhaustive communications search locates the aircraft at the designation airport; however, there are many instances in which the aircraft cannot be located by this method and the search and rescue units of the Air Force and/or Coast Guard may be requested to assist the Bahamas in conducting a physical search. The cost of search and rescue efforts is great and, in many cases, could be avoided by providing specific flight-plan closure information to pilots flying to the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands.


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Appendix 1APPENDIX 1. COMMUNICATION FREQUENCIES

The following civil and joint use airports of entry have air/ground radio capability for the closure of flight plans.

IDENT	LOCATION	FLIGHT PLAN & ALERTING SERVICE	AOE	RCO	METHOD OF CANCELLATION		
					PRIM.	SEC.	BACKUP
MYAF	Andros Town, Andros I.	MYNN	YES		#124.2	126.7	*
MYAK	Congo Town, Andros I.	MYNN	YES		#124.2	*	*
MYAM	Marsh Harbour, Abaco I.	MYNN	YES	124.2 MYNN	124.2	#126.9	*
MYAN	San Andros, Andros I.	MYNN	YES		#124.2	126.7	*
MYAS	Sandy Point, Abaco I.	MYNN	YES		124.2	126.9	122.3
MYAT	Treasure Cay, Abaco I	MYNN	YES		#124.2	126.9	122.3
MYBC	Chub Cay, Berry I	MYNN	YES		#124.2	#118.4	*
MYBG	Great Harbour Cay, Berry I	MYNN	YES		#124.2	*	*
MYBS	S. Bimini, Bimini I.	MYNN	YES	124.2 MYNN	124.2	#126.7	#127.9
MYCC	Cat Cay, Bimini I. (private Seaplane)	MYNN	YES(PPR)		124.2	#126.7	#127.9
MYEF	Mosstown, Exuma I.	MYNN	YES	124.2 MYNN	124.2	#118.4	*
MYEH	North Eleuthera, Eleuthera I.	MYNN	YES		#124.2	#118.4	*
MYEM	Governor's Harbour Eleuthera I.	MYNN	YES	124.2 MYNN	124.2	#118.4	*
MYER	Rock Sound, Eleuthera I.	MYNN	YES		#124.2	#118.4	*

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MYNN	Nassau Intl., New Providence I.	MYNN	YES	128.0	124.2	*
MYLS	Stella Maris, Long I.	MYNN	YES	#124.2	*	*
MYGF	Freeport Intl. Grand Bahama I.	MYGF	YES	122.3	#126.9	
MYGW	West End, Grand Bahama I.	MYGF	YES	122.3	#126.9	
MYAW	Walker's Cay, Abaco I.	MYGF	YES	#122.3	#126.9	
MYIG	Matthew Town, Great Inagua I.	MYNN	YES	124.2 MYNN	124.2	#118.4 *
MYSM	San Salvador, San Salvador I.	MYNN	YES	#124.2	#118.4	*
MGBT	Grand Turk Intl. Grand Turk I	KMIA	YES	118.4	118.4	126.0 +
MBPV	Providencials Int. Providencials I.	KMIA	YES	#118.4	#126.0	+
MBSC	South Caicos Turks and Caicos I.	KMIA	YES	#118.4	#126.0	+
MBNC	North Caicos Turks and Caicos I	KMIA	YES	#118.4	#126.0	+

LEGEND: *Telephone to MYNN Radio 809-327-7116
 #Close while airborne
 +No telephone Outlet

Controlling facilities for the foregoing listed primary and alternate radio frequencies are:

118.4 Miami Radio located at Grand Turk and Nassau
119.5 Nassau Tower
119.8 West End Tower
122.3 Freeport Radio
128.0 Nassau Radio at Nassau 60 NMR
124.2 Nassau RCO at MYBS, MYEG, MYEM, MYAM, MYIG
126.7 Miami Radio at FLL
126.9 Miami Radio at Freeport
127.9 Miami Radio at Miami
126.0 Grand Turk Tower

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APPENDIX 2. COMMUNICATION OUTAGES

The following message shall be transmitted based on the extent of communication outages.

BAHAMAS COMMUNICATIONS OUTAGE

ORIGIN: PRECEDENCE:DD TIME: ACK:N

ADDR:KXXLYFYX ATL MCN

TEXT:ALL SRN REGION AT FACILITIES

TT & IFO-
MYNN & MYGF

() ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BAHAMAS OTS. FLIGHT NOTIFICATION AND SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES SUSPENDED UNTIL COMMUNICATIONS ARE RESTORED. REFER TO ORDER SO 7110.3G.

TT/IFO-
MYNN

() ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH MYNN/MYGF (delete one) OTS. FLIGHT NOTIFICATION AND SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES SUSPENDED AT LOCATIONS FOR WHICH MYNAZFZX HAS RESPONSIBILITY. REFER TO ORDER SO 7110.3G.

TT

() TELETYPE COMMUNICATIONS WITH NASSAU/FREEPORT/BAHAMAS (delete two) OTS. ROUTE ALL TRAFFIC THRU MYNAZFZX/MYGFZGZF/KMIAYFYX.

CANCEL

() ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BAHAMAS RTS. RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS.

