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SUBJ: Pen and Ink Changes to Federal Aviation Administration Order JO 7610.4M, Special Operations

1. Purpose. This notice provides guidance on the application of pen and ink change procedures to Federal Aviation Administration Order JO 7610.4M, Special Operations, before its implementation date of January 18, 2007.

2. Distribution. This notice is distributed to FAA Washington headquarters offices, service area offices, and air traffic control field facilities of the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic (AJE), Terminal Services (AJT), Flight Services (AJD), System Operations (AJR), including the David J. Hurley Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC) and AJR elements at the National Capital Region Coordination Center (NCRCC), and Safety Services (AJS). This notice is also distributed to the Flight Standards Service (AFS) divisions at FAA Washington headquarters divisions and in the regional offices, AFS District Offices, AFS International Field Offices, the Washington Operations Coordination Complex (WOCC), the Regional Operations Centers (ROC), the William J. Hughes Technical Center, and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) operations offices, Federal Security Directors (FSD), and Transportation Security Operations Center (TSOC), including non-FAA elements of the NCRCC. Additionally, copies of this notice are provided to the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Air Marine Operations (AMO) office, Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) aviation offices and Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC), the U.S. Air Force Flight Standards Agency (AFSSA), the North American Aerospace Command (NORAD), U.S. Army Aeronautical Services Agency, and U.S. Navy Airspace and Air Traffic Control.

3. Effective Date. This notice is effective December 19, 2006.

4. Procedures. Make the following pen and ink changes to FAA Order JO 7610.4M, "Special Operations," and ensure they are included in any training before the implementation date of January 18, 2007.

a. Delete paragraph 7-3-1a4(b), paragraph 7-3-5a1(c) and example, and paragraph 7-3-5a2(b). The specific content of the paragraph is classified "For Official Use Only." To view the content of the paragraph, go to www.faa.mil/resources/10sos/7610.html.

b. Insert Paragraph 5-7-2, Withholding Aircraft Movement Information, to read as follows:

“Except as provided in subparagraph a, do not verbally pass aircraft movement information to any Air Defense radar facility when the abbreviation ‘NOPAR’ is included in the flight plan. When ‘NOPAR’ is followed by specified sites or areas, withhold this information only from those locations specified. The provisions of subparagraph a, do not apply when a NORAD region/sector is being evaluated and NORAD has precoordinated with the ADLO and the applicable ARTCCs to have verbal aircraft movement information withheld on a specific flight.

a. Upon receipt of a specific request from the NORAD region/sector to pass aircraft movement information which has the abbreviation ‘NOPAR’ in the flight plan, the ARTCC/CERAP controller shall acknowledge the request, immediately call back and ask for the exercise controller/trusted agent to confirm the request. Upon receipt of confirmation, such data shall be forwarded immediately to the air defense facility specified by the exercise controller/trusted agent. Forwarding of such data shall continue for such time as the NORAD region/sector may indicate.

b. Upon a specific request from the ADLO, ARTCC/CERAP controllers shall forward to the requesting ADLO, aircraft movement information on aircraft even though the ‘NOPAR’ abbreviation is included in the flight plan.”

c. Insert Paragraph 5-7-3, Air Defense Exercise Flight Progress Strips, to read as follows:

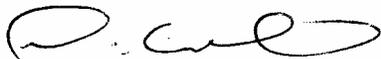
“When a flight plan is received from a military agency with the abbreviation ‘NOPAR’ in the remarks section of the flight plan, FAA air traffic control personnel shall insert an asterisk (*) immediately preceding the aircraft identification or mission nickname; e.g., *V1234, on all flight progress strips prepared for the aircraft/mission as appropriate. Except as provided in subparagraph 5-7-2a, FAA air traffic control personnel shall not forward any information to air defense radar facilities on flights having the abbreviation ‘NOPAR’ in the flight plan or when an asterisk is inserted immediately preceding the identification of the aircraft/mission on the flight progress strip.”

d. Change paragraph 4-12-6a1 to read as follows:

“Traffic advisory services to the interceptors and all other affected aircraft, including the TOI. Do not inform the TOI about the interceptor.”

e. Change paragraph 7-3-5c to read as follows:

“During an incident, the DEN ATSC may request that air traffic query the pilot whether plain English communication is possible. Should the response from the pilot be “affirmative;” DEN ATSC may request air traffic to pass information to or solicit information from the pilot. Should the response from the pilot be “negative” or result in unfamiliar or unnecessary formal language; air traffic should limit transmissions to essential air traffic control functions.”



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