

DOCUMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL/BRIEFING SHEET

FINAL DISPOSITION

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CHANGE: Basic

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1. PARAGRAPH NUMBER AND TITLE:

2-1-28. RVSM OPERATIONS

2. BACKGROUND: An agreement was reached between the FAA and Department of Defense (DOD) to include DOD certified aircraft operated by U.S. Government agencies in the definition of DOD Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) excepted aircraft. Service providers need clarification and guidance on what a "DOD certified aircraft" is so exceptions can be granted, as appropriate.

3. EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: This change adds language to list specific aircraft types of DOD certified aircraft used by NASA that meet the RVSM exception criteria. This change cancels and incorporates N JO 7110.507, Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Exceptions and Department of Defense (DOD) Certified Aircraft, effective July 31, 2009.

4. CHANGE:

OLD

2-1-28. RVSM OPERATIONS

Controller responsibilities shall include but not be limited to the following:

a. Non-RVSM aircraft operating in RVSM airspace.

1. Ensure non-RVSM aircraft are not permitted in RVSM airspace unless they meet the criteria of excepted aircraft and are previously approved by the operations supervisor/controller-in-charge (CIC). The following aircraft are excepted: DOD, Lifeguard, manufacturer aircraft being flown for development/certification, and Foreign State aircraft. These exceptions are accommodated on a workload or traffic-permitting basis.

NOTE-

The operations supervisor/CIC is responsible for system acceptance of a non-RVSM aircraft beyond the initial sector to sector coordination following the pilot request to access the airspace. Operations supervisor/CIC responsibilities are defined in FAA Order 7210.3, Chapter 6, Section 9, Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM).

NEW

2-1-28. RVSM OPERATIONS

Controller responsibilities shall include but not be limited to the following:

a. Non-RVSM aircraft operating in RVSM airspace.

1. Ensure non-RVSM aircraft are not permitted in RVSM airspace unless they meet the criteria of excepted aircraft and are previously approved by the operations supervisor/CIC. The following aircraft are excepted: DOD, **DOD certified aircraft operated by NASA (T38, F15, F18, WB57, S3, and U2 aircraft only)**, Lifeguard, manufacturer aircraft being flown for development/certification, and Foreign State aircraft. These exceptions are accommodated on a workload or traffic-permitting basis.

NOTE-

The operations supervisor/CIC is responsible for system acceptance of a non-RVSM aircraft beyond the initial sector-to-sector coordination following the pilot request to access the airspace. Operations supervisor/CIC responsibilities are defined in FAAO 7210.3, Chapter 6, Section 9, Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM).

No further changes to paragraph.

5. **INDEX CHANGES:** None

6. **GRAPHICS:** None

7. **GENOT/NOTICE:** N JO 7110.xxx, Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Exceptions and Department of Defense (DOD) Certified Aircraft, effective

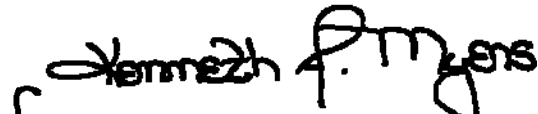
8. **SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT:** (Check appropriate box).

☒ Proposed change meets full SMS requirements for safety risk assessment.

☐ (For organizations that have not fully implemented SMS), the proposed change is in accordance with FAAO 1100.161, Air Traffic Safety Oversight, Chapter 5, Paragraph 2 requirements.

☐ Proposed change is not safety related.

Comments:


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