

**DOCUMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL/BRIEFING SHEET**

**FINAL DISPOSITION**

**ORDER/PUBLICATION:** 7110.65T

**CHANGE:** 2

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 10, 2011

**TRACKING #:** 52- 10-4-4

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**1. PARAGRAPH NUMBER AND TITLE:**

10-4-4. COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE

**2. BACKGROUND:** In light of several recent loss of communication events in the National Airspace System, a multidisciplinary team reviewed and analyzed how to improve air traffic control operations regarding the establishment, transfer, and loss of communications with aircraft. This document change is based on the recommendations of the team.

**3. EXPLANATION OF CHANGE:** The change adds the requirement to notify the FLM/CIC of suspicious aircraft activity and references a new paragraph that requires the change. This change cancels and incorporates N JO 7110.535, Aircraft Communication Status, effective October 1, 2010.

**4. CHANGE:**

**OLD**

10-4-4. COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE

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e. If radio communications have not been (re)established with the aircraft after five minutes, consider the aircraft's activity to be possibly suspicious and handle the flight per FAAO JO 7610.4, Chapter 7, Hijacked/Suspicious Aircraft Reporting and Procedures.

**NEW**

10-4-4. COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE

No change

e. If radio communications have not been (re) established with the aircraft after 5 minutes, consider the aircraft's or pilot's activity to be suspicious and report it to the FLM/CIC per FAA Order JO 7610.4, Chapter 7, Hijacked/Suspicious Aircraft Reporting and Procedures, and Paragraph 2-1-25f, Supervisory Notification, of this order.

No further changes to paragraph.

**5. INDEX CHANGES:**

**6. GRAPHICS:**

**7. GENOT/NOTICE:** N JO 7110.535, Aircraft Communication Status, effective October 1, 2010


**8. FORMATTING & PLAIN LANGUAGE REVIEW:** ☒ HM 4/26/2010

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

☐ **SRMD.** Proposed change meets full SMS requirements for safety risk assessment.

☒ **SRMDM.** Proposed change is not safety related.

**Comments:**

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