

DOCUMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL/BRIEFING SHEET

FINAL DISPOSITION

ORDER/PUBLICATION: 7110.65T

CHANGE: 2

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 10, 2011 **TRACKING #:** 52- 2-1-17

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1. PARAGRAPH NUMBER AND TITLE:

2-1-17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TRANSFER

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 for controllers to take appropriate action to establish communications with aircraft within a reasonable amount of time. This change cancels and incorporates N JO 7110.535, Aircraft Communication Status, effective October 1, 2010.

4. CHANGE:

OLD

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Title thru b

Add

Add

Subparagraphs c thru f

NEW

2-1-17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

No change

c. Controllers must, within a reasonable amount of time, take appropriate action to establish/restore communications with all aircraft for which a communications transfer or initial contact to his/her sector is expected/required.

NOTE-

For the purposes of this paragraph, a reasonable amount of time is considered to be 5 minutes from the time the aircraft enters the controller's area of jurisdiction or comes within range of radio/communications coverage. Communications include two-way VHF or UHF radio contact, data link, or high frequency (HF) radio through an approved third-party provider such as ARINC.

Renumber, d thru g

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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