

**DOCUMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL/BRIEFING SHEET**

**FINAL DISPOSITION**

**ORDER/PUBLICATION:** 7110.65T

**CHANGE:** 2

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 10, 2011 **TRACKING #:** 52- 2-4-3

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**1. PARAGRAPH NUMBER AND TITLE:**

2-4-3. PILOT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/READ BACK

**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 if the controller is unable to communicate to an aircraft. This change cancels and incorporates N JO 7110.535, Aircraft Communication Status, effective October 1, 2010.

**4. CHANGE:**

**OLD**

2-4-3. PILOT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/READ BACK

a. When issuing clearances or instructions ensure acknowledgment by the pilot.

**NEW**

2-4-3. PILOT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/READ BACK

a. When issuing clearances or instructions, ensure acknowledgment by the pilot. **If no acknowledgment is received, attempt to re-establish contact. If attempts are unsuccessful, advise the FLM/CIC.**

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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