

DOCUMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL/BRIEFING SHEET

FINAL DISPOSITION

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1. PARAGRAPH NUMBER AND TITLE:

4-2-10. CANCELLATION OF IFR FLIGHT PLAN

2. **BACKGROUND:** Numerous airports within the National Airspace System are uncontrolled and many of those that have an air traffic control (ATC) tower are only operational on a part-time basis. The Aeronautical Information Manual advises pilots operating under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) arriving at uncontrolled airports, and are unable to cancel their IFR flight plan with a functioning Flight Service Station, they must cancel this service with ATC while airborne or on the ground after landing. Once cancellation is received, the affected airspace may then be released for IFR use by additional aircraft.

ATC facilities use this procedure regularly. Unfortunately, there is no official phraseology specified in FAA Order JO 7110.65 for controller use when requesting pilots to report IFR cancellation or how to properly acknowledge the receipt of an IFR cancellation. Controller opinions and facility procedures vary on what is considered a proper advisory and appropriate acknowledgement. A universal response for both situations, using prescribed phraseology in Chapter 4 of the FAA Order JO 7110.65, would eliminate the confusion of this procedure and enhance pilot confidence of an ATC acknowledgement.

3. **EXPLANATION OF CHANGE:** This change creates phraseology ATC should use to request the cancellation of an IFR flight plan while the pilot is airborne or with (appropriate FSS) after landing. This change cancels and incorporates N JO 7110.556, Cancellation of IFR Flight Plan, effective May 5, 2011.

4. CHANGE:

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4-2-10. CANCELLATION OF IFR FLIGHT PLAN

a. If necessary, before instructing an IFR aircraft arriving at an airport not served by an air traffic control tower or flight service station to change to the common traffic advisory frequency, provide the pilot with instructions on how to cancel his/her IFR flight plan.

1. Airports with an air/ground communications station:

PHRASEOLOGY-
REPORT CANCELLATION OF IFR ON (frequency).

2. Airports without an air/ground communications station:

PHRASEOLOGY-
(Callsign) REPORT CANCELLATION OF IFR THIS FREQUENCY OR WITH (FSS serving the area or the ATC controlling facility).

EXAMPLE-
"N13WA report cancellation of IFR this frequency or

with McAlester Radio.”

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b. Respond to a pilot’s cancellation of his/her IFR flight plan as follows:

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PHRASEOLOGY-
(Aircraft callsign) IFR CANCELLATION
RECEIVED.

No further changes to paragraph.

5. **INDEX CHANGES:** None
6. **REFERENCE CHANGES:**
7. **GRAPHICS:** None
8. **GENOT/NOTICE:** N JO 7110.556, Cancellation of IFR Flight Plan, effective May 5, 2011
9. **FORMATTING & PLAIN LANGUAGE REVIEW:** ☒ HM 4/16/2010
10. **SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT:** (Check appropriate box).
☐ SRMD. Proposed change meets full SMS requirements for safety risk assessment.
☒ SRMDM. Proposed change is not safety related.
11. **ICAO DIFFERENCES:** YES ☐ NO ☒



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