

## DOCUMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL/BRIEFING SHEET

### FINAL DISPOSITION

**ORDER/PUBLICATION:** 7110.65U

**CHANGE:** Basic

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 9, 2012

**TRACKING #:** 5B- 9-2-22

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#### 1. PARAGRAPH NUMBER AND TITLE:

9-2-22. OPEN SKIES TREATY AIRCRAFT

2. **BACKGROUND:** There has been some confusion on the type of OPEN SKIES flight that get priority handling. This change clarifies which type of flights require priority handling (F and D). Additionally, notification of using/scheduling agencies of Special Use Airspace (SUA) has only been accomplished 15 minutes prior to the OPEN SKIES aircraft reaching the boundary. This has caused problems with the DOD in planning and using SUA.

3. **EXPLANATION OF CHANGE:** This change adds the type of flights that receive priority handling and that notification of OPEN SKIES flights will be done on initial notification and 15 minutes prior to the aircraft entering the SUA. This change cancels and incorporates N JO 7110.557, Open Skies Treaty Aircraft, effective June 1, 2011.

#### 4. CHANGE:

##### OLD

9-2-22. OPEN SKIES TREATY AIRCRAFT

Title thru b

c. OPEN SKIES aircraft, while maintaining compliance with ATC procedures, shall have priority over activities in Special Use Airspace (SUA) and shall be allowed to transit such airspace as filed after appropriate and timely coordination has been accomplished between the using agency and controlling agency.

1. OPEN SKIES Treaty flights transiting SUA will be handled in the following manner:

(a) The ATC facility controlling the OPEN SKIES flight shall advise the using/scheduling agency or appropriate ATC facility when the OPEN SKIES aircraft is fifteen (15) minutes from the SUA boundary; and

c1(a)(1) thru c1(a)(2)

(b) If the controlling facility/using agency is unable to confirm that all conflicting activities in the SUA have ceased, the OPEN SKIES aircraft shall not be permitted access to the SUA.

2. Return SUA to the using agency, if appropriate, within fifteen (15) minutes after the OPEN SKIES aircraft clears the SUA.

##### NEW

9-2-22. OPEN SKIES TREATY AIRCRAFT

No Change

c. OPEN SKIES **(F and D) Treaty** aircraft, while maintaining compliance with ATC procedures, **must** have priority over activities in **special use airspace** (SUA) and **must** be allowed to transit such airspace as filed after appropriate and timely coordination has been accomplished between the using agency and controlling agency.

1. **F and D** Treaty flights transiting SUA will be handled in the following manner:

(a) The ATC facility controlling the **F and D Treaty** flight **must** advise the using/scheduling agency or appropriate ATC facility **upon initial notification and** when the aircraft is 15 minutes from the SUA boundary; and

No change

(b) If the controlling facility/using agency is unable to confirm that all conflicting activities in the SUA have ceased, the OPEN SKIES aircraft **must** not be permitted access to the SUA.

2. Return SUA to the using agency, if appropriate, within 15 minutes after the **F and D Treaty** aircraft clears the SUA.

No further changes to paragraph.

#### 5. INDEX CHANGES: None

6. **GRAPHICS:** None
7. **GENOT/NOTICE:** N JO 7110.557, Open Skies Treaty Aircraft, effective June 1, 2011
8. **FORMATTING & PLAIN LANGUAGE REVIEW:** ☒ **HM 12/16/2010**
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.
10. **ICAO DIFFERENCES:** YES ☐ NO ☒



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