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**Subject:** New Oceanic Contingency Procedures, Effective November 5, 2020.

**Purpose:** This InFO advises operators of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) new in-flight contingency procedures applicable to operators in all oceanic airspace, including Flight Information Regions (FIR) delegated to the United States, effective November 5, 2020. The new in-flight contingency procedures incorporate those previously identified in InFO 19004. Therefore, this InFO also supersedes InFO 19004.

**Discussion:** ICAO published a new edition of ICAO Document 4444, Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Air Traffic Management, on November 5, 2020. The new edition of ICAO Document 4444 includes the new Special Procedures for In-Flight Contingencies in Oceanic Airspace applicable to all aircraft flying in oceanic airspace, including the FIRs delegated to the United States. The new procedures incorporate those used in the three separation minima trials by North Atlantic Air Navigation Service Providers, which were identified in InFO 19004 as having been implemented by the ICAO. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) also provided notice of these updated procedures in the September 10, 2020, edition of FAA's International Notices, link here: [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/internationalnotices/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/internationalnotices/).

The FAA updated its U.S. Aeronautical Information Publication on December 31, 2020, to reflect these changes in the ENR 7 OCEANIC OPERATIONS section.

**Recommended Action:** Operators should ensure pilots are knowledgeable of ICAO's new contingency procedures.

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