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### Memorandum

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Subject: Temporary waiver of 224-day time limit imposed by FAA Order 7930.2S, Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) on temporary Flight Data Center (FDC) Instrument Flight Procedure (IFP) NOTAMs

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There has been a significant reduction in Flight Inspection operations due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated risks to Flight Inspection personnel. The operations currently authorized are focused on activities other than resolution of FDC IFP temporary NOTAM (T-NOTAM) conditions. As a result, an increasing number of T-NOTAMs are at risk of exceeding the 224-day limitation described in FAA Order 7930.2S, Notices to Airmen (NOTAM), paragraph 7-1-3.b. Additionally, FAA Order 8260.19H Chg 1, Flight Procedures and Airspace, paragraph 8-3-3.b requires suspension of a standard instrument approach procedure (SIAP) if the 224-day limit is exceeded.

On April 16, 2020, a cross-disciplinary team of subject matter experts conducted a safety risk review of a proposed waiver to this NOTAM policy. The review team determined that a temporary suspension of the 224-day standard presented an acceptable level of risk.

Accordingly, for FDC IFP T-NOTAMs requiring resolution by flight inspection, we are temporarily waiving the 224-day duration limitation in Orders 7930.2 and 8260.19 until March 1, 2021. If necessary, consideration of an extension or modifications to this waiver may occur at that time.

As Flight Inspection operations return to normal levels, resolution of FDC IFP T-NOTAMs should be prioritized with an emphasis toward those with the earliest dates of issue.

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