**NOTICE**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

**N 1200.18**

**Effective Date**:
July 26, 2021

**Cancellation Date**:
July 26, 2022

**SUBJ**: Multiple Pen and Ink Changes to FAA Order 1200.22E

**1. Purpose of This Notice**. This notice modifies FAA Order 1200.22E, *External Requests for National Airspace System (NAS) Data*, with pen and ink changes to address a need to expand the scope and policy for certain FAA Headquarters processes. This notice cancels and replaces FAA Notice 1200.17, *Continuation of Pen and Ink Change to FAA Order 1200.22E*, by continuing the changes to the scope paragraph reflected in N1200.17. In addition, this notice adds further changes to the scope paragraph and adds changes to the policy paragraph.

**2. Audience**. FAA offices, primarily at the Headquarters and Service Area level, involved in any aspect of the external release process for NAS data, including the Program Management Organization (PMO), System Operations Services (AJR), NextGen (ANG), Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Chief Data Officer (CDO), General Counsel (AGC), and Technical Operations (AJW).

**3. Where Can I Find This Notice**? This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications website at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

**4. Cancellation.** This notice cancels upon publication of FAA Order 1200.22F.

**5. Explanation of Change.** This change amends paragraph 5, *Scope*, to clarify which requests for the NAS data release process this order applies to and those requests which are exceptions. This change also amends paragraph 9, *Policy*, to clarify the authority under which the NAS data release process and National Data Release Board (NDRB) operate in 9a. In addition, the word “delayed” was deleted in 9a because the FAA ceased its practice of delaying NAS data in 2016. Subparagraph 9c is deleted due to the authority changes reflected in 9a.

**6. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action.** Amend FAA Order 1200.22 by changing paragraphs 5 and 9 to read as follows:

**5. SCOPE**

**a.** This order applies to all external requests for access to NAS data, which includes connections to the NAS infrastructure, as well as recorded NAS data, with the exception of the requests identified in 5b below.

**b.** This order does not apply to:

(1) Requests from Federal agencies. These requests must be coordinated with FAA NAS Defense Programs (NDP).

(2) Requests from State and local law enforcement agencies. These requests must be coordinated with FAA NDP.

(3) Requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

(4) Requests to provide data under FAA contracts as Government Furnished Information (GFI). This exception applies to FAA contracts only.

## 9. POLICY

**a.** The FAA may release NAS data only as approved by the Director named as Chair of the NAS Data Release Board (NDRB), which operates under the delegated authority of the Vice President, System Operations Services. The Vice President, System Operations Services will establish the procedures for obtaining this approval, including prescribing the operation and responsibilities of the NDRB. The authority set out in this paragraph may not be delegated further.

No change to paragraph 9b.

Delete paragraph 9c.

No further changes to paragraph.

**7. Point of Contact.** Any questions pertaining to this notice may be directed to ATO System Operations Security via email at 9-ATOR-HQ-IFOS@faa.gov.

**8. Distribution**. This order is distributed to all FAA lines of business executive offices; within the ATO to group level in Technical Operations, En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations Services (including headquarters, service centers, and field offices, as applicable); to the office of the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Information Services and the Office of the Chief Counsel; and to division level in the FAA Academy and the FAA Logistics Center at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

**9. Background**. FAA Order 1200.22 has been in need of updates to identify where to direct certain external NAS data requests, such as requests from Federal agencies and state or local law enforcement agencies. In addition, changes to the authority under which NAS data may be released and the responsibilities under which the NDRB operates was in need of clarification. The pen and ink changes contained in this notice are part of the larger effort to update FAA Order 1200.22 in its entirety.

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