NOTICE

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April 27, 2017
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October 12, 2017

SUBJ: Incorporation of the Procedure Altitude Functionality in En Route Automation Modernization

1. Purpose of This Notice. The purpose of this Notice is to amend FAA Order JO 7110.65, paragraph 5-14-3, Computer Entry of Flight Plan Information, effective April 27, 2017. The amendment instructs En Route facilities to enter a procedure altitude, in lieu of an interim altitude, after an aircraft has been cleared on the vertical navigation (VNAV) portion of a procedure that includes published restrictions.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the 20 Air Route Traffic Control Centers (ARTCC) that are on the En Route Automation Modernization (ERAM) platform.

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

4. Background. Current guidance only allows for entry of an assigned, interim, or local interim altitude whenever an aircraft is cleared to maintain an altitude different than that in the flight plan data base. This change provides the controller the ability to display a character in the data block and on the aircraft list (ACL) of the En Route Decision Support Tool (EDST) that will identify when an aircraft has been cleared to vertically navigate on a procedure with published restrictions. This ensures that all controllers are looking at accurate data and reduces the possibility of creating a situation where different sectors are controlling traffic based on different expectations.

5. Procedures. Amend the following paragraph in FAA Order JO 7110.65 to read as follows:

5-14-3 Computer Entry of Flight Plan Information

Title thru a.3(b), no change

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(c) A procedure altitude if the aircraft is cleared to vertically navigate (VNAV) on a SID/STAR with published restrictions, or

a.3(c) renumber to a.3.(d)

No further changes to paragraph

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Services, Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

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