NOTICE

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

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Effective Date:
August 21, 2017
Cancellation Date:
March 29, 2018

SUBJ: Authorization for the Use of Automated Point Out Functionality in ERAM release EAD700

1. Purpose of This Notice. The purpose of this notice is to amend FAA Order JO 7110.65, Paragraph 5-4-7, Point Out, effective April 27, 2017.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, Safety and Technical Training, and 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. Cancellation. This notice will cancel upon publication of FAA Order JO 7110.65X, Air Traffic Control, effective March 29, 2018.

5. Background. In an effort to reduce verbal coordination and increase efficiency in the National Airspace System (NAS), automated point outs are being introduced into the ERAM platform. ERAM release EAD700 introduces this new functionality. Fort Worth ARTCC, Houston ARTCC, and Albuquerque ARTCC are the key sites for this ERAM release. The remaining 17 ARTCC's will transition shortly thereafter to EAD700. After initiating a point out, controllers will be able to view a non-verbal response from the receiving sector via a coordination portal of the full data block or through the En Route Decision Support Tool (EDST).

6. Explanation of Policy Change. For sites utilizing ERAM release EAD700, after initiating a point out, this change will allow controllers to receive non-verbal approval via a coordination portal of the full data block, and through EDST.

7. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action. Amend FAA Order JO 7110.65X as follows:

5−4−7. POINT OUT

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1. Obtain approval before permitting an aircraft to enter the receiving controller's delegated airspace.

(a) EN ROUTE: Automated approval may be utilized in lieu of verbal approval. If the receiving controller takes no action, revert to verbal procedures.

NOTE-
1. Use fourth line data for aircraft not on their flight plan route.
2. Where specified in a letter of agreement, some facilities may restrict interfacility automated point outs.

REFERENCE−
FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 2-10-1 En Route Or Oceanic Sector Team Responsibilities
FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 5-4-3 Methods
FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 5-4-11 En Route Fourth Line Data Usage
FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 5-14-3 Computer Entry of Flight Plan Information

(b) TERMINAL: Automated point out approval may be utilized in lieu of verbal provided the procedures are contained in a facility directive/LOA.

No further changes to paragraph

13−1−8. RECORDING OF CONTROL DATA

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b. When a verbal point out has been approved, remove the yellow color coding on the ACL.

No further changes to paragraph

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

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