NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Traffic Organization Policy

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Effective Date:
February 14 , 2008

Cancellation Date:
July 31, 2008

SUBJ: The Use of Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) Weather Radios

1. Purpose of the Notice. This notice provides guidance for the use of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios equipped with specific area message encoding to be used by personnel in airport traffic control towers.

2. Audience. This notice applies to Terminal Services and all associated air traffic control facilities.

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/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications.

4. Cancellation. This notice cancels N JO 7210.669, The Use of Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) Weather Radios, effective August 2, 2007.

5. Procedures. Amend Federal Aviation Administration Order 7210.3U, Facility Operation and Administration, by adding Paragraph 2-9-9, Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) Weather Radios, to read as follows:

2-9-9. SPECIFIC AREA MESSAGE ENCODING (SAME) WEATHER RADIOS

TERMINAL

SAME radios shall only be used to provide weather information for occupants of terminal facilities. This equipment is not certified for providing weather or any other aviation-related information and, therefore, shall not be used for any aviation-related purpose.

a. SAME radios shall not be used in place of preexisting emergency evacuation procedures or FAA-certified sources of aviation-related weather data.

b. SAME radios shall only be programmed for the specific county/territory of the facility.

c. The following shall be affixed to the SAME weather radio to be visible: "This equipment is not certified for providing weather or any other aviation-related information and, therefore, shall not be used for any aviation-related purpose."

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following Air Traffic Organization service units: Terminal, Safety, En Route and Oceanic, and System Operations Services; service center offices; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; and all air traffic control field facilities.

7. Implementation. This notice shall be implemented on the effective date and content of this notice will be incorporated into Federal Aviation Administration Order 7120.3V, effective July 31, 2008.

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