NOTICE

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

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Effective Date:
April 21, 2017

Cancellation Date:
October 12, 2017

SUBJ: Traffic Flow Management Convective Forecast Product (TCF)

1. Purpose of This Notice. Due to the importance of the Convective Weather Season, which begins on March 1, 2017, this notice alerts users of the immediate change from CCFP to TCF, in FAA Order JO 7210.3AA. Therefore, this notice prevents a notification gap between the start date of the Convective Weather Season and the DCP change date on October 12, 2017.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support, and System Operations; along with 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/air_traffic/publications/.

4. Cancellation. This notice will be canceled, effective October 12, 2017, upon incorporation of the change into FAA Order JO 7210.3AA.

5. Explanation of Policy Change. When TFM Planners are considering Traffic Management Initiatives (TMIs), the TCF will be considered the primary product to be used in collaboration with the TMI. In addition, this will allow planners to give routine feedback to the meteorological community on the performance of the TCF in support of TMIs. The National Weather Service (NWS) will facilitate the process for TCF collaboration and will begin disseminating the TCF on March 1, 2017.

6. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action. Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3, Paragraph 1-2-3 and Paragraph 17-20-4, to read as follows:

Old ***TBL 1−2−1*** **ABBREVIATIONS**		**New** ***TBL 1−2−1*** **ABBREVIATIONS**	
Add		TCF	Traffic Flow Management Convective Forecast Product

17−20−4. PROCEDURES

Title thru c. no change

d. Traffic Flow Management Convective Forecast Product (TCF): The TCF is the consolidated input of ARTCC Weather Service Unit (CWSU), Aviation Weather Center (AWC) personnel, ATCSCC

Weather Unit (DCCWU) personnel and airline meteorologists. The TCF is the primary weather product used by the PT in developing the OP.

Old ***FIG 17-20-1*** **Operational Planning TELCON Checklist**		**New** ***FIG 17-20-1*** **Operational Planning TELCON Checklis**
Review the CCFP		Review the TCF

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

8. Background. A demonstration of the event-driven Collaborative Aviation Weather Statement (CAWS) and the legacy scheduled Collaborative Convective Forecast Product (CCFP) was performed over the past two convective seasons. Based on the demonstration, it was recommended to revert to a single, scheduled convective product as a primary product for TFM. Therefore, the name of the convective product is changed from the existing CCFP to Traffic Flow Management Convective Forecast (TCF). The name change is important for two reasons. First, it helps to focus attention on a primary convective weather product that provides a common operational picture. This can be used by Traffic Flow Planners when they discuss the need for a potential Traffic Management Initiative. Second, it is critical that we improve routine feedback from Traffic Flow Planners to the weather community about the accuracy and utility of the TCF in support of their TMI decisions.

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