NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Temporary Flight Restrictions for Unmanned Aircraft (49 U.S.C. Section 44812)

1. Purpose of this Notice. This notice amends FAA Order JO 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration, paragraph 20-1-4, and adds new paragraphs 20-2-1 through 20-2-4.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Services, Safety and Technical Training, and all associated air traffic facilities.

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 Plans and Publications website at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

4. Explanation of Policy Change. This change provides implementation policy guidance in and adds a new Section 2, Temporary Flight Restrictions for Unmanned Aircraft (49 U.S.C. Section 44812) to Chapter 20 of FAA Order JO 7210.3. This new Section 2 includes eligible entity requirements and temporary flight restriction (TFR) approval authority.

5. Interim Procedures. The TFR Builder software is used to publish TFR Notice to Airmen (NOTAM). Entering a NOTAM into the TFR Builder software requires selection of the appropriate authority under which the TFR is being issued. The current version of the software has a prefilled selection menu that lists available authorities. The FAA is in the process of updating this selection menu to include "49 U.S.C. section 44812" as an available authority. Until the FAA updates the selection menu, the interim procedure for entering a TFR that falls under the authority of 49 U.S.C. section 44812 is to select the "14 CFR section 91.145" authority from the menu and amend the NOTAM text using the "free text" edit box to match the authority language as stated in the example TFR NOTAM template for 49 U.S.C. section 44812 found in Notice JO 7930.115, Temporary Flight Restrictions for Unmanned Aircraft (49 U.S.C. Section 44812).

6. Action. Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3EE by changing the following paragraphs to read as follows:

20–1–2. AUTHORITY

a. The FAA Administrator has sole and exclusive authority over the navigable airspace of the United States. The Administrator has broad authority under section 40103 of Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.) to regulate, control, and develop plans and policy for the use of navigable airspace. See also 49 U.S.C. section 40101(d).

b. 49 U.S.C. section 44812 and Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 91 contain authority and regulations addressing temporary flight restrictions.

20–1–4. TYPES OF TFRs

TFRs may be issued under the following regulations:

a. 49 U.S.C. section 44812, Temporary Flight Restrictions for Unmanned Aircraft.

b. 14 CFR section 91.137, Temporary Flight Restrictions in the Vicinity of Disaster/Hazard Areas.

c. 14 CFR section 91.138, Temporary Flight Restrictions in National Disaster Areas in the State of Hawaii.

d. 14 CFR section 91.139, Emergency Air Traffic Rules.

e. 14 CFR section 91.141, Flight Restrictions in the Proximity of the Presidential and Other Parties.

f. 14 CFR section 91.143, Flight Limitation in the Proximity of Space Flight Operations.

g. 14 CFR section 91.145, Management of Aircraft Operations in the Vicinity of Aerial Demonstrations and Major Sporting Events.

NOTE−
See Chapter 21, Section 6, for information regarding Special Security Instructions issued under 14 CFR section 99.7, Special Security Instructions.

20–1–6. TFR INFORMATION

National Airspace System (NAS) users or other interested parties should contact the nearest flight service station, or (in CONUS) the appropriate ARTCC for TFR information. Additionally, you can find TFR information on automated briefings and at any of the following sources:

a. TFR List: http://tfr.faa.gov

No further changes to paragraph

Section 2. Temporary Flight Restrictions for Unmanned Aircraft (49 U.S.C. Section 44812)

20–2–1. PURPOSE

This section prescribes guidelines and procedures regarding TFRs issued in accordance with 49 U.S.C. section 44812. These TFRs temporarily restrict unmanned aircraft operations over eligible large public gatherings at the request of an eligible law enforcement agency.

20–2–2. TFR CRITERIA

a. To be eligible for a TFR under section 44812(c)(1), large public gatherings hosted in a stadium or other venue must:

1. be hosted in a stadium or venue that has previously hosted events qualifying for the application of special security instructions in accordance with Public Law 108-199, section 521, and the venue is not enclosed;

2. have an estimated attendance of at least 30,000 people; and

3. be advertised in the public domain.

b. To be eligible for a TFR under section 44812(c)(2), large public gatherings hosted in a venue other than a stadium or other venue described above must:

1. have an estimated attendance of at least 100,000 people;

2. be primarily outdoors;

3. have a defined and static geographical boundary; and

4. be advertised in the public domain.

20–2–3. REQUESTING AUTHORITIES / ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

a. Credentialed law enforcement organizations of the Federal Government or a State, local, Tribal, or territorial government may request a TFR under this section.

b. The law enforcement agency must submit the TFR request to the appropriate ATO Service Center OSG Manager not less than 30 calendar days prior to the event.

20–2–4. ISSUING TFRs

FAA Headquarters or the ATO Service Center Director (or designee) having jurisdiction over the area concerned may issue a TFR under this section.

20–2–5. DEGREE OF RESTRICTIONS

When a NOTAM has been issued establishing a TFR under this section, no person may operate an unmanned aircraft within the TFR unless at least one of the following conditions is met:

a. The Administrator authorizes the operation for operational, safety, security, or compliance oversight purposes; or

b. The aircraft operation is conducted with the approval of the eligible entity who requested the TFR.

Sections 2 through 7, Renumber as Sections 3 through 8

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

8. Background. Section 935 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-63) amended section 44812 of Title 49 United States Code (49 U.S.C). This amendment created a requirement for the FAA to temporarily restrict unmanned aircraft operations over large eligible public gatherings by issuing TFRs. TFRs issued under this authorization would restrict unmanned aircraft operations over eligible large public gatherings when requested by credentialed law enforcement organizations.

9. Related Publications. Notice JO 7930.115, Temporary Flight Restrictions for Unmanned Aircraft (49 U.S.C. Section 44812)

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