

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Traffic Organization Policy

N JO 7110.606

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November 15, 2012

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August 22, 2013

SUBJ: ICAO Flight Plan 2012 Changes to FAA Order JO 7110.10

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Document 4444, Air Traffic Management, states that certain items may be included in an ICAO flight plan to denote reasons for special handling. This notice provides guidance to facilities regarding the handling of those who file special handling remarks in their ICAO flight plan.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations; and all air traffic control field 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. Procedures.** Amend FAA Order JO 7110.10 to read as follows:

4-1-3. OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

Title through a, no change.

b. Provide priority to civilian air ambulance flights (call sign MEDEVAC). Use of the MEDEVAC call sign indicates that operational priority is requested. When verbally requested, provide priority to AIR EVAC, HOSP, and scheduled air carrier/air taxi flights. Assist the pilots of MEDEVAC, AIR EVAC, and HOSP aircraft to avoid areas of significant weather and turbulent conditions. When requested by a pilot, provide notifications to expedite ground handling of patients, vital organs, or urgently needed medical materials.

Delete NOTE.

No further changes to paragraph.

6-2-1. FLIGHT PLAN RECORDING

Title through a, no change.

b. Item 2. Aircraft Identification. Enter as follows, but do not exceed seven alphanumeric characters:

1. Civil Aircraft Including Air Carrier: Aircraft letter/digit registration including the letter "T" prefix for air taxi aircraft, the letter "L" for MEDEVAC aircraft, or the three-letter aircraft company designator specified in FAA Order JO 7340.2, Contractions, followed by the trip or the flight number.

EXAMPLE-

N12345
TN5552Q
AAL192
LN751B

NOTE-

The letter "L" must not be entered in Item 2 of the flight plan for air carrier or air taxi MEDEVAC aircraft. Include the word "MEDEVAC" in the remarks section of the flight plan.

No further changes to paragraph.

13-1-15. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION

Title through a, no change.

b. MEDEVAC aircraft.

1. Air carrier/taxi ambulance. State the prefix “MEDEVAC” if used by the pilot, followed by the call sign and flight number in group form.

EXAMPLE–
“MEDEVAC Delta Fifty-One.”

NOTE–
Use of MEDEVAC call sign indicates that operational priority is requested.

2. Civilian air ambulance. State the word “MEDEVAC” followed by the numbers/letters of the registration number.

EXAMPLE–
“MEDEVAC Two Six Four Six X-Ray.”

5. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Terminal, En Route and Oceanic, System Operations, and Mission Support; the Office of ATO Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

6. Background. This notice addresses ICAO Document 4444, Air Traffic Management. This document mandates that certain items may be included in an ICAO flight plan to denote reasons for special handling. This includes replacing the term “LIFEGUARD” with the term “MEDEVAC.” The document also defines the ICAO special handling remarks of HOSP and AIR EVAC aircraft.

7. Safety Management System. The information contained in this notice is in the DCPs attached to the Safety Risk Management Document (SRMD) titled ICAO 2012 Flight Plan Changes – Amendment, dated June 6, 2012.



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