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Change:

1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular provides guidance on airport related signs and graphics.

2. CANCELLATION. Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5360-12D, Airport Signing and Graphics, dated July 1, 2003 is canceled.

3. BACKGROUND. The American Association of Airport Executives, the Airports Council International - North America, the Air Transport Association of America, and the Airport Consultants Council had jointly published a manual "Guidelines for Airport Signing and Graphics" (latest revision 2001). This publication is no longer in production, but existing copies may still be used.

4. GENERAL. The industry manual includes chapters on signing philosophy, standard terminology, lettering styles, color coding, aviation symbols, arrow graphic applications, sign locations, material selections, and maintenance and repair procedures. Major elements from the Department of Transportation (DOT) Graphic Standards Manual (1981), developed by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, in cooperation with the DOT Office of Facilitation, are included in the industry manual. It provides guidance on dynamic signing and an emphasis on signing for persons with disabilities.

5. CURRENT EFFORTS. A project is currently underway under the Airports Cooperative Research Program to produce an updated manual. When that project is completed, this document will be updated to provide information on how to obtain the new manual.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. If available, use of "Guidelines for Airport Signing and Graphics" in designing airport terminal signing systems is recommended. At international airports, designers and airport authorities may also wish to consult the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Document 9636, "International Signs to Provide Guidance to Persons at Airports and Marine Terminals (1995)" for assurance that information for international travelers is satisfactorily presented.

b. The preparation and location of signing for terminal related roadways and other thoroughfares should comply with the Federal Highway Administration's "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways."

7. HOW TO OBTAIN THE MATERIAL REFERRED TO IN THIS CIRCULAR.

a. The ICAO document may be obtained from: International Civil Aviation Organization (Attention: Distribution Office), Box 400; 1000 Sherbrooke Street West; Montreal, Quebec; Canada H3A 2R2. It may also be purchased online at <http://icaosd.openface.ca>.

b. The Federal Highway Administration publication may be obtained at <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>.

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