

# NOTICE

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

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**SUBJ:** Washington, D.C., Special Flight Rules Area (DC SFRA)/Air Traffic Control (ATC)  
Security Services

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice adds Washington, D.C., SFRA and removes Land-Based Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ). It also removes the reference to terminal, requiring both en route and terminal ATC facilities to provide security services in the DC SFRA.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the En Route and Oceanic Services, Terminal Services, System Operations Services and Safety Services organizations and all associated air traffic control facilities.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** The notice is available on the MYFAA employee Web site at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices/](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](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications).
- 4. Procedures.** Amend Federal Aviation Administration Order JO 7110.65, paragraph 9-2-10 title and subparagraph a, to read as follows:

**9-2-10. WASHINGTON, D.C., SPECIAL FLIGHT RULES AREA (DC SFRA)/ATC SECURITY SERVICES**

Provide ATC security services at locations where procedures are required for tracking aircraft in security services airspace. ATC security services are designed to support the national security mission of the FAA and other agencies. Two-way radio communications, flight planning, and an operational transponder on an assigned code are required for operations in the designated area.

**a.** When the assigned code is observed, for aircraft in security services airspace, advise the aircraft to proceed on course/as requested but to remain outside of Class B, C, and/or D airspace as appropriate.

**PHRASEOLOGY-**

*(ACID) TRANSPONDER OBSERVED PROCEED ON COURSE/AS REQUESTED; REMAIN OUTSIDE (class) AIRSPACE.*

1. Maintain continuous security tracking of VFR aircraft operating in the designated area to assist security forces in situational awareness. Immediately report all instances of loss of radio communication or the inability to conduct security tracking of an aircraft to the FLM/CIC and wait for instructions.
2. Basic separation services to aircraft, for example, IFR, SVFR, Class B, Class C, or TRSA, do not apply to ATC security tracking.
3. Aircraft with operating transponders, but without operating Mode C (altitude), require specific authorization from ATC to operate in the SFRA. ATC must coordinate with the Domestic Events Network (DEN) before approval.
4. Aircraft flying too low for radar coverage must be instructed to report landing or exiting the SFRA. Keep flight progress strips on such aircraft until pilot reports landing or exiting the SFRA. If a flight

progress strip does not exist for the aircraft, record the call sign, transponder code, entry point (for example, north, northeast, east), and time of entry into the SFRA.

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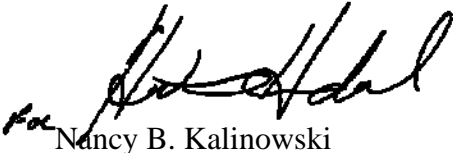
*(Call sign), REPORT LANDING OR LEAVING THE SFRA.*

5. United States military, law enforcement, and aeromedical flights are exempt from filing flight plans.

No further changes to paragraph.

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

**6. Background.** Effective February 17, 2009, the Washington, D.C., ADIZ was changed to the Washington, D.C., SFRA by rulemaking. The procedures that were used for the previous land-based ADIZ were developed for the Washington, D.C., area and will be used for the DC SFRA.



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