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SUBJ: Air Traffic Currency Requirements for En Route Facilities

- 1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice modifies Federal Aviation Administration Order (FAAO) 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration, Paragraph 2-3-1, General, to reinforce the requirement that En Route air traffic facility managers are responsible to monitor and track currency.
- 2. Audience. This notice applies to the Air Traffic Organization (ATO) En Route and Oceanic Service Unit.
- 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/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications.
- **4. Explanation of Policy Change**. This notice establishes a requirement for En Route facilities to develop and maintain a process to track/monitor currency for those employees who are required by FAAO 7210.3, subparagraph 2-3-2b to maintain currency.
- **5. Procedures**. Amend FAAO 7210.3, paragraph 2-3-1, by reformatting the existing verbiage as a new subparagraph a and by adding a new subparagraph b as follows:

2-3-1. GENERAL

- a. It shall be the responsibility of the employees identified in Para 2-3-2, Application, to adhere to the requirements of this section.
- b. En Route facility managers shall develop procedures for the tracking and reporting of currency for those employees identified in subpara 2-3-2b.
- **6. Distribution**. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Safety, and System Operations Services; Service Center offices; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; and air traffic control facilities.

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7. Safety Management System. This change reinforces the requirement that En Route facilities have a responsibility to track and monitor those employees who are required to maintain currency. The change is intended to ensure consistent compliance in all En Route facilities. This change reinforces the current requirement specified in FAAO 7210.3, Paragraph 2-3-1, General, that states that employees who are required to maintain currency have a personal responsibility to adhere to the requirements specified in FAA Order 7210.3 regarding currency requirements. To the extent that: (1) this change reinforces the responsibility for facilities to monitor and track employee currency; and (2) no separation standards, air traffic procedures, or phraseology is affected by this change, no further SRM analysis is required. This change does not negatively affect safety.

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