
CERTALERT

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NO. 93-02

TO: AIRPORT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTORS

TOPIC: **NOTAMs** concerning ARFF equipment outages.

Air Traffic Rules and Procedures Service, ATP-1 has issued a GENOT to clarify the procedure regarding the issuance of ARFF **NOTAMs** (See the attachment). The procedure recognizes that under Part 139 the airport operator has 48 hours in which to return the equipment to service or replace the equipment before it is required to reduce the airport's ARFF index. After 48 hours, if the equipment has not been restored to service or replaced, the airport operator must reduce the airport's ARFF index. The airport operator may allow up to four departures per day of aircraft requiring an ARFF index that is higher than the reduced index. This procedure will correct the misnomer of showing the airport closed to all aircraft in the declared index because of an ARFF equipment outage.

The new procedure will also require ARFF related **NOTAMs** to be self-cancelling. Air Traffic has indicated to **AAS-300** that some certificate holders have failed to update or cancel **NOTAMs** concerning ARFF and other equipment outages in the past. Please remind airport managers that dissemination of airport condition information includes **NOTAM** updating and cancellation.

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SUBJECT: CERTIFICATED AIRPORT AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE
FIGHTING (ARFF)

EFFECTIVE: 05/15/93

CANCELLATION: 05/15/94

THIS GENOT CLARIFIES THE PROCEDURE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE
OF ARFF NOTAM'S. CURRENTLY, A NOTAM IS ISSUED TO CLOSE AN
AIRPORT TO A CERTAIN INDEX OR HIGHER WHICH IS NOT A TRUE
STATEMENT PER THE FAR'S. THE NEW PROCEDURE ALSO REQUIRES
THE NOTAM'S TO BE ISSUED IN THE SELF-CANCELLING FORMAT.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 6-6 AS FOLLOWS:

A. ISSUE A NOTAM (D) ON AIRPORTS (NOT RUNWAYS)

CERTIFICATED UNDER FAR 139., WHEN NOTIFIED BY AIRPORT
MANAGEMENT THAT REQUIRED ARFF EQUIPMENT IS
INOPERATIVE/UNAVAILABLE AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT IS
NOT AVAILABLE.

AIRPORT MANAGEMENT HAS 48 HOURS TO REPLACE
OR SUBSTITUTE EQUIPMENT BEFORE THE INDEX CHANGES. AIR
CARRIERS AND OTHERS MUST BE NOTIFIED THAT ARFF
EQUIPMENT IS OUT OF SERVICE. EACH NOTAM SHALL HAVE AN
ENDING TIME AS OBTAINED FROM AIRPORT MANAGEMENT. IF
UNABLE TO OBTAIN AN ENDING TIME, ADD 48 HOURS TO THE TIME
OF RECEIPT AND ADVISE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT.

6-6 REFERENCE.- FAR 139..

FORMAT:

!FTW XX/XXX FTW ARFF VEHICLE OTS INDEX UNCHANGED TIL 2100

!FTW XX/XXX FTW ARFF VEHICLE OTS INDEX UNCHANGED

TIL 072200

B. IF THE ARFF VEHICLE IS STILL OUT OF SERVICE AFTER
48 HOURS, THE AIRPORT MANAGER SHALL NOTIFY THE AFSS/FSS OF
A TEMPORARY INDEX CHANGE AND APPROXIMATE DURATION TIME.

FORMAT:

!FTW XX/XXX FTW ARFF NOW INDEX A TIL 072300

EXPLANATION: EVEN THOUGH THE ARFF INDEX IS NOW A, FOUR OR LESS INDEX B AIRCRAFT MAY STILL OPERATE INTO FORT WORTH.

6-6 NOTE 1.- THE ARFF INDEX FOR EACH CERTIFICATED AIRPORT IS PUBLISHED IN THE A/FD. LEGEND ITEM 16 IN THE A/FD LISTS INDICES AND ARFF EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

6-6 NOTE 2.- THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER (AIRPORT MANAGEMENT) IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY AIR CARRIERS BY NOTAM WHEN REQUIRED ARFF EQUIPMENT IS INOPERATIVE/UNAVAILABLE AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. IF THE REQUIRED INDEX LEVEL OF CAPABILITY IS NOT RESTORED WITHIN 48 HOURS, AIRPORT MANAGEMENT IS REQUIRED TO LIMIT AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS.

6-6 NOTE 3.- PERMANENT CHANGES TO THE ARFF INDEX OCCURRING DURING PUBLICATION CYCLES ARE ISSUED AS FDC NOTAM'S.

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