

NOTICE

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Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Human Trafficking Reporting

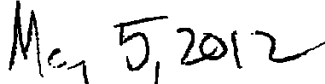
- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** The requirement to report human trafficking has been added to ensure controllers notify the supervisor/controllers in charge of any notification received from an aircraft on their frequency.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, System Operations, and Mission Support; and all associated air traffic control 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.** Add paragraph 2-1-30 to FAA Order JO 7110.65, to read as follows:

2-1-30. "BLUE LIGHTNING" EVENTS

Ensure that the supervisor/controller-in-charge (CIC) is notified of reports received of possible human trafficking. These may be referred to as "Blue Lightning" events.

- 5. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, System Operations, and Mission Support; the ATO Office of Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.
- 6. Background.** Human smuggling is a global problem that is growing in frequency and scope. The criminal organizations behind the major smuggling rings have often utilized commercial air transportation to move their victims from country to country, or from continent to continent. The Secretaries of the Department of Transportation and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have committed their departments (including the FAA) to provide a process intended to allow aircrews to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency about a possible human smuggling event on an air carrier flight inbound to the United States. Passing the information on air traffic control frequencies would only occur if the primary means (through company channels) of notification have failed.


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