

NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Human Trafficking Reporting

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice adds the requirements to report cases of suspected human trafficking to the Domestic Events Network (DEN).
- 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.** Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3, paragraph 2-7-7, to read as follows:

2-7-7. COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

a. FAA personnel must cooperate in every reasonable way with law enforcement agencies. Theft of aircraft and use of aircraft for illegal purposes have complicated the task of the Federal law enforcement agencies. The FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have requested the FAA to assist them by furnishing information of suspicious activities regarding use of aircraft.

b. Any inquires from airport managers, aircraft owners, or others to initiate an alert message must be directed to the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC). EPIC is interfaced with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), which gives them access to any stolen aircraft report entered by law enforcement agencies. FAA facilities must not volunteer to relay this information to EPIC. Assistance must be limited to providing the EPIC phone number, (915) 564-2220, or advising the inquiring party to go through normal law enforcement channels.

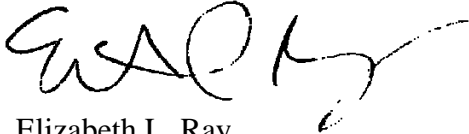
c. Reports of suspected human trafficking "Blue Lightning" must be reported on the Domestic Events Network (DEN). If the ATC facility is not actively monitoring the DEN or does not have a dedicated line to the DEN, they must immediately report the above referenced activity on the DEN via (202) 493-4170.

NOTE-

"Blue Lightning" is a code word used by the DEN and law enforcement agencies to refer to human trafficking activities.

- 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 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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