

**DOCUMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL/BRIEFING SHEET**

**FINAL DISPOSITION (INITIAL Not Required)**

**ORDER/PUBLICATION:** 7210.3X

**CHANGE:** 2

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 7, 2013      **TRACKING #:** 32- 3-4-4

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**1. PARAGRAPH NUMBER AND TITLE:**

3-4-4. HANDLING RECORDER TAPES, DATS, OR DALR STORAGE

**2. BACKGROUND:** In November 2011, an airport in the Northeast United States received several divert aircraft due to inclement weather. There were several Tarmac incidents that occurred that evening, and those specific events raised concerns about the lack of a requirement for a facility to report when they become aware of an aircraft that may have exceeded the three/four hour rule. Current procedures only requires a facility to report when informed of a "tarmac delay request" or a "request to taxi for passenger deplanement." Additionally, there are individuals and/or facilities that believe the rule only applies to departures.

**3. EXPLANATION OF CHANGE:** The change clarifies air traffic reporting and investigative responsibilities concerning tarmac delays. This change cancels and incorporates N JO 7210.816, Enhancing Airline Passenger Protections (Three/Four-Hour Tarmac Rule), effective July 9, 2012.

**4. CHANGE:**

**OLD**

**NEW**

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No further changes to paragraph.

**5. INDEX CHANGES:** N/A

**6. REFERENCE CHANGES:** N/A

**7. GRAPHICS:** N/A

**8. GENOT/NOTICE:** N JO 7210.816, Enhancing Airline Passenger Protections (Three/Four-Hour Tarmac Rule), effective July 9, 2012

**9. FORMATTING & PLAIN LANGUAGE REVIEW:**  HM 12/20/2011

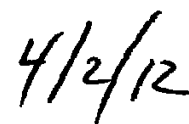
**10. SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT:** (Check appropriate box).

SRMD. Proposed change meets full SMS requirements for safety risk assessment.

SRMDM. Proposed change does not introduce new safety risks into the NAS.

**11. ICAO DIFFERENCES:** YES  NO

  
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