

**AERONAUTICAL CHARTING FORUM**  
**Charting Group**  
**Meeting 12-02 – October 24-25, 2012**

**RECOMMENDATION DOCUMENT**

**FAA Control # 12-02-255**

**Subject: Discontinuation of Loose-Leaf Terminal Procedures Publication**

**Background/Discussion:**

Over the years the loose-leaf orders have dwindled, and now account for approximately 10% of all TPP orders. Additionally, charting requirements have added more information to areas of the charts that is occasionally lost when the holes are drilled for the loose-leaf versions of the TPP volumes.

The Terminal Procedures are also available in bound volumes, and in digital format: digital-Terminal Procedures Publication (d-TPP). In addition free downloads are available on the AeroNav web site.

This is a product that is not ordered by NGA customers.

**Recommendations:**

Terminal Products would like to recommend discontinuing the publication of loose-leaf Terminal Procedures Publications. Currently, U.S. Terminal Procedures Publications are published in 24 loose-leaf or perfect bound volumes covering the conterminous U.S., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

**Comments:**

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**Minutes from ACF 12-02:**

Ken Wilkes, FAA/AJV-352, briefed the subject. It is proposed that AeroNav Products discontinue production of the loose-leaf version of the TPPs. Ken reported that sales of the loose-leaf format are in decline. The September 2012 run of the loose-leaf edition totaled 20,000, for November it was 19,000, accounting for only 10% of the total TPP production. Ken commented that the loose-leaf edition, due to the drilling of the holes at the top of the publication, cuts into some of the information printed. Additionally, many of those are buying the loose-leaf edition are also buying bound editions as well.

Ted Thompson, Jeppesen, commented that Jeppesen had investigated doing a bound edition and the bound product never gained any traction with their customers. Jeppesen has remained with their loose-leaf product.

Valerie Watson, FAA/AJV-3B, suggested that the idea of discontinuation of the loose-leaf TPP should be handled through the AeroNav Products Business Office, who could reach out to current users of the loose-leaf TPPs for their response to the discontinuation. Valerie emphasized that the ACF group didn't represent the users of these publications and that the decision could not be made by those without a vested interest.

Jeff Waterman, NGA/PV, commented that DoD does not use the loose leaf version of the TPPs.

Melisa McCaffrey, AOPA, offered to conduct a survey of AOPA members to see what their response would be to the idea.

**ACTION:** Ken Wilkes, FAA/AJV-352, will report to Terminal management that the ACF recommends that the AeroNav Products Business Development Group reach out to users, develop a business case for discontinuation of loose-leaf TPPs and advise Terminal.

**STATUS: CLOSED**