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Washington D.C. METROPOLITAN Special Flight Rules Area

Effective 0500 UTC February 17, 2009



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This Notice does not supersede restrictions pertaining to the use of airspace contained in FDC NOTAMs. Please check current NOTAMs by calling Flight Service at 1-800-WX-BRIEF

Pursuant to 49 USC 40103(b), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) classifies the airspace defined in this NOTAM and in 14 CFR Part 93 as 'National Defense Airspace'. Pilots who do not adhere to the following procedures may be intercepted, detained and interviewed by law enforcement/ security personnel. Any of the following additional actions may also be taken against a pilot who does not comply with the requirements or any special instructions or procedures announced in this NOTAM:

- A) The FAA may take administrative action, including imposing civil penalties and the suspension or revocation of airmen certificates; or**
- B) The United States Government may pursue criminal charges, including charges under Title 49 of the United States Code, Section 46307; or**
- C) The United States Government may use deadly force against the airborne aircraft, if it is determined that the aircraft poses an imminent security threat.**

Effective February 17, 2009 at 0500 UTC until further notice. The NOTAMs contained in this advisory and 14 CFR Part 93 will replace previously issued FDC NOTAMs 8/9459, 8/9460 and 8/9461 for the DC ADIZ/FRZ and the Leesburg Maneuvering Area.

It is strongly recommended that all pilots flying under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) within 100 NM of the DCA VOR/DME complete special awareness training for the Washington DC Metropolitan Area. This training is mandatory for all pilots that fly under VFR within 60 NM of the DCA VOR/DME (14 CFR parts 61 and 91, effective February 9, 2009). This training is available in the Aviation Learning Center at <http://www.faa.gov>.

Section 1. Overview.

1. In the interest of National Security the FAA has codified special flight rules and flight restrictions for certain aircraft operations in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. The new rules and the NOTAMs described in this advisory will go into effect on February 17th, 2009 at 0500 UTC. There will be 2 NOTAMs published in mid-January 2009, one for the Leesburg Maneuvering Area and a second for those items that apply to the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area Special Flight Rules Area (DC SFRA).
2. The purpose of this advisory is to summarize the NOTAM that will be issued to supplement the final rules and to review changes to the Leesburg Maneuvering Area NOTAM.
3. The new rules can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). One resource for the CFR is the Government Printing Office website at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>.

Section 2. Definitions.

1. Washington, DC Metropolitan Area Special Flight Rules Area (DC SFRA) is that area of airspace previously known as the DC Metropolitan Area Air Defense Identification Zone (DC ADIZ).
2. Washington, DC Metropolitan Area Flight Restricted Zone (DC FRZ) is within and part of the DC SFRA.
3. DC FRZ Flight Plan will meet the requirements for a DC SFRA Flight Plan.

Section 3. Operating in the DC SFRA, including the DC FRZ.

1. Operations in the DC SFRA

- a. Except FAA approved DOD, FAA approved Law Enforcement, and waived Lifeguard/Air Ambulance operations flights, all VFR aircraft operations within the DC FRZ are restricted to an indicated airspeed of 180 knots or less, if capable. If unable, the pilot must contact the appropriate ATC facility and advise them of the aircraft's operational limitations.
- b. Operations in the traffic pattern in section 93.339 (d) are limited to practice VFR flight operations within the traffic pattern.
- c. Any person operating an aircraft under VFR within the DC SFRA/FRZ who becomes aware of an inability to comply with the requirement to maintain radio contact with ATC shall immediately change the transponder code to 7600 and exit the DC SFRA/FRZ by the most direct lateral route or if the aircraft departure point is closer, return to the departure point by the most direct route. These procedures do not authorize penetration of restricted or prohibited airspace.
- d. Any person operating an aircraft under IFR within the DC SFRA who becomes aware of an inability to comply with the requirement to maintain radio contact with ATC shall continue the flight via the two-way radio communications failure procedures found in the FAA Aeronautical Information Manual. These procedures do not authorize penetration of restricted or prohibited airspace.

2. Operations in the DC FRZ

- a. Part 121,129 and 135 air carrier flights with TSA Approved full aircraft operator standard security programs/ procedures and specific authorization from the Department of Transportation may land and depart Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA).
- b. DOD, Federal and State government agency aircraft on an operational mission with prior FAA and NCRCC approval may land and depart DCA.
- c. DCA is not authorized for arrival or departure of foreign diplomatic flights.
- d. Pilots may not file a DC FRZ flight plan while airborne.
- e. The following operations are not authorized within the DC FRZ: flight training, practice instrument approaches, aerobatic flight, glider operations, parachute operations, ultralight, hang gliding, balloon operations, tethered balloons, agriculture/crop dusting, animal population control flight operations, banner towing operations, model aircraft operations, model rocketry, and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

Section 4. Resources.

1. Direct any questions on the DC FRZ to the FAA representative at the National Capital Region Coordination Center (NCRCC), telephone 866-598-9522.
2. Information about waiver applications and TSA Security Authorizations can be found at http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/tsnm/general_aviation/airspace_waivers.shtm (case sensitive use lower case only) or by contacting TSA at (571) 227-2071. Individuals may submit a request for a FAA waiver at <https://waiver.c3.faa.gov>.
3. After normal business hours, for emergency or short notice requests, contact TSA at 703-563-3219.

Section 5. Leesburg (JYO) Maneuvering Area

1. The procedures in the Leesburg Maneuvering Area will remain unchanged.
2. A new NOTAM will be issued to change references to the DC ADIZ to reflect the final rules and the accompanying NOTAM.

