

For: State and County Offices

Aerial Compliance - Contract Pilots Violating Restricted Airspace

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Due to increased security because of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, FAA has redefined sensitive areas and placed them under extremely high flight restrictions.

Two incidents involving FSA-contracted pilots encroaching on restricted airspace have occurred since September 11, 2001.

B Purpose

This notice provides instructions to State and County Offices to immediately notify FSA headquarters personnel when informed that an FSA-contract pilot has violated restricted airspace.

2 Action

A Initial County Office Action

County Offices shall immediately notify all FSA-contracted pilots:

- that they are required to contact FSA with the information in subparagraph B after landing when an airspace violation occurs
- of the telephone number for the County Office responsible for contracting, and to make this number the first point-of-contact after an airspace violation occurs
- if the contracting County Office is closed or cannot be reached, to call and report the incident to the State Office.

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Disposal Date	Distribution
September 1, 2002	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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B

Additional County Office Action

County Offices shall contact the State Office immediately upon receiving notification from an FSA-contracted pilot that restricted airspace has been violated by that pilot.

Information reported to the State Office shall include:

- date and time restricted airspace violation occurred
- name of County Office reporting the violation
- location of violated airspace
- pilot name and aircraft number
- name of agency that investigated the incident
- any other pertinent details applicable to the incident.

Note: If the State Office is closed or cannot be reached, County Offices shall call USDA's Office of Crisis and Planning Management at 1-877-559-9872 to report the incident.

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State Office Responsibilities

State Offices shall:

- ensure that all Service Centers are aware of the contents of this notice
 - upon notification that an FSA-contracted pilot has violated restricted airspace, call EDSO at 1-202-690-2807
 - immediately notify Jerry Alanko, FSA, of incidents which have been investigated or documented by a Federal or State bureau of investigation, by paging 1-888-360-8675
 - ensure that FSA-contracted pilots and Service Centers follow procedure in this notice.
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