

For: State and County Offices

Aerial Compliance - Contract Pilots Violating Restricted Airspace

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Notice CP-535 provided guidance for State and County Offices when they are notified that FSA-contracted pilots have violated restricted airspace. Notice CP-535 was obsolete on September 1, 2002; therefore, the procedure is being reissued in this notice.

B Purpose

Because of incidents involving FSA-contracted pilots violating restricted airspace, this notice provides instructions to State and County Offices to immediately notify FSA headquarters personnel when informed that an FSA-contracted 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 information in subparagraph B after landing when an airspace violation occurs
- of the telephone number for the County Office responsible for the contracting and to make this number the first point-of-contact after an airspace violation occurs
- of the telephone number for the State Office, for second point-of-contact, if county office is closed
- if the contracting County Office and State Office are closed or cannot be reached, to call and report the incident to the USDA Emergency Operations Center at 202-720-5711.

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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 the pilot.

Information reported to the State Office shall include the following:

- date and time the 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 the USDA Emergency Operations Center at 202-720-5711 to report the incident.

C 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 DAFO at 202-690-2807
- for incidents that are being investigated or documented by a Federal or State Bureau of Investigation, immediately notify Jerry Alanko, **PECD**, by paging 888-360-8675 or Leona Dittus, **OBPI**, by paging 888-644-1279
- ensure that FSA-contracted pilots and Service Centers follow procedure in this notice.