



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum

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To: All Concerned

Subject: Declaration of International Operations
(AFS-750-DIO-1)

Workload in the Aircraft Registration Branch Central Priorities Area has increased significantly, reaching a point where the provision of priority service to some customers is impacting the Registry's ability to provide timely service to all. The area that has experienced the most significant increase in activity is in connection with declarations of international flights.

The priority services historically provided by the Registry are an exception to the general rule that documents be worked in the order of their receipt. There is no statutory or regulatory requirement for providing priority service.

Upon review of relevant data, it has become clear that the majority of Declarations of International Operations [(AFS-750-DIO-1) Declarations] filed with the Aircraft Registration Branch contain incorrect substantive information. For example, our review of the declared international flights for March 2006 revealed that only 11% of them actually occurred.

In an effort to provide all Registry customers a reasonable opportunity to receive timely service and also to continue to provide reasonable access to priority service, the following policy will be implemented on August 1, 2006.

All Declarations will be reviewed on a monthly basis. This review will consist of a comparison of Declarations with flight data to determine actual flight activity. Any Declarations that demonstrate a pattern of abuse of the

privilege to request priority service will result in the non-honoring of future priority service requests from the submitter or person responsible, for a period of time.