OPNAV INSTRUCTION 3722.33E

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ORDER JO 7610.4 SPECIAL OPERATIONS

1. Purpose. To establish policy and procedures for the use of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) order (FAAO) JO 7610.4 to the Department of the Navy (DON). This instruction is being reissued with a new date, updated version and signature authority to meet Chief of Naval Operation’s age requirement for Office of the Chief of Naval Operations instructions.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 3722.33D.

3. Background. FAAO JO 7610.4 specifies procedures for aircrew and air traffic control planning, coordination, and services during defense activities and special operations. The procedures contained in this order are jointly coordinated between the FAA and the DON.

4. Scope and Applicability. The procedures contained within FAAO JO 7610.4 apply to all activities conducted in delegated airspace or under the control of the FAA.

5. Policy. DON personnel are required to be familiar with the provisions of FAAO JO 7610.4 which pertain to their operational responsibilities. Although every effort has been made to prescribe complete procedures for these activities, it is impossible to provide them to cover every circumstance. Therefore, when a situation arises for which no specific procedure is covered in FAAO JO 7610.4, personnel will exercise their best judgment.

6. Action

   a. DON activities will comply with the provisions of FAAO JO 7610.4 when conducting special military operations.

   b. Reference this instruction in communications to DON activities and reference the FAAO in communications with non-DON addressees.

7. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual (SECNAV) 5210.1 of January 2012.
8. **Review and Effective Date.** Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Naval Airspace and Air Traffic Control Standards and Evaluation Agency will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 5 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 5-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1.

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