New Airspace Restrictions Imposed Around New York City and Washington, DC

The FAA has informed NATA that new airspace restrictions will be imposed around New York City and Washington, DC. While the final text of the NOTAMs is still being determined, the following are key features of this action:

**New York, NY**

An Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) has been or will be established to coincide with the 30-nm Mode C veil surrounding the New York Class B airspace and extending from the surface to FL180. The following is a brief summary of the ADIZ requirements/restrictions:

1. All flight crews operating within this ADIZ must file either an IFR or VFR flight plan. This includes any operations remaining in an airport traffic pattern (e.g., flight training);
2. All flight crews must obtain a discrete transponder code prior to takeoff or entering the ADIZ and squawk that code while operating within the ADIZ;
3. All flight crews must maintain two-way radio communication with ATC while operating in the ADIZ; and,
4. Many, if not all, pre-existing waivers to operate in the vicinity of sporting events, etc., have been rescinded. Operators must check the status of any previously received waivers before attempting to operate under them.

**Washington, DC**

In addition to the existing Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) based on the Baltimore/Washington Class B airspace and which has been in effect since February, the following restrictions/requirements are being added:

1. A flight plan must be filed prior to attempting any operation in the ADIZ;
2. Operations inbound to the so-called “DC3” airports (CGS, W32 and VKX) in accordance with SFAR94 must first land at Tipton, MD (FME) for security screening; and,
3. Similar to the airspace around New York City, many if not all pre-existing waivers have been rescinded. Operators must check the status of any previously received waivers before attempting to operate under them.

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More Information

NATA has established the following Web page to apprise operators of the latest changes in airspace access requirements:

www.nata-online.org/2GovWatch/Archive/S.20030318.Information.htm

This site is also available via a direct link from the NATA Home page at:

www.nata-online.org

Give NATA Your Feedback

NATA also asks that operators experiencing difficulties in filing flight plans, obtaining clearances/transponder codes or encountering significant delays contact the association at the following email address to provide details:

notams@nata-online.org

When using this email address, please provide the following information:

1. Date, time and location
2. Operation attempted
3. CFR Part under which operation attempted (e.g., 91, 135)
4. Length of delay, if any
5. Description of problem

Additional airspace and/or operating restrictions may be imposed without warning. All operators are strongly encouraged to obtain and understand all pertinent NOTAMs prior to attempting any flight operation in domestic U.S. airspace.