

Aviation Group Client Update

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FAA PROPOSES PROCESS FOR BLOCKING DATA VIA ASDI

Earlier this week, the FAA published a [Notice](#) of proposed process for limiting aircraft data displayed via the Access to Aircraft Situation Display (ASDI). The Notice includes the FAA's proposed procedures by which aircraft owners and operators can express their preference on the FAA's release of their aircraft data to the public via ASDI following the interim policy published on [December 16, 2011](#). Until the FAA publishes a document that sets forth the FAA's final decision on the ASDI blocking process, the FAA will continue to operate under the December 16, 2011 interim policy.

Under the proposed process, aircraft owners and operators can submit requests directly or through a legally authorized agent who files on the owner/operator's behalf. However, the FAA does not view associations to be agents on behalf of their members for this purpose. All requests for ASDI blocking would include: (1) name of requestor; (2) registration number(s) of the aircraft to be blocked or unblocked; (3) a certification that the requestor is the owner or operator of the specified aircraft; (4) a telephone number and an electronic mail address to which the FAA can direct questions about the request; and (5) for a request to block one or more aircraft, a statement indicating whether the requestor desires an ASDI blocking at the FAA source or at the industry level.

The FAA will continue to honor all aircraft owner or operator requests that the FAA block their aircraft from the appearing in the FAA's public ASDI data feed. The FAA has tentatively determined that it is not necessary for owners of aircraft that currently block such data to submit a new initial request and/or revised request, unless the owner/operator wishes to change the status of the aircraft or the level at which an aircraft is blocked. The FAA will still receive and accept information submitted at the previous addresses for this program; however, the FAA has established a new primary electronic mailbox for all aircraft blocking and unblocking requests and inquires at ASDIBlock@faa.gov.

Comments on the proposed process are due on or before **June 8, 2012**. Please contact our office with questions or for assistance with the preparation and submission of comments.

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