#### HOUSTON ARTC CENTER AND JACKSONVILLE ARTC CENTER

#### LETTER OF AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE:07/15/2020

#### SUBJECT: RADAR HANDOFF AND INTERFACILITY COORDINATION

- PURPOSE. This agreement establishes coordinated procedures and defines delegation of airspace between the Virtual Jacksonville ARTCC (ZJX) and the Virtual Houston ARTCC (ZHU). This agreement is supplemental to procedures contained within FAA Order 7110.65.
- 2. **DISCLAIMER.** Information contained herein is designed and specifically for use in a virtual air traffic control environment. It is not applicable, nor should it be referenced for live operations in the National Airspace System (NAS).
- **3. CANCELLATION.** This agreement cancels all prior Letters of Agreement between the Virtual Jacksonville ARTCC (ZJX) and the Virtual Houston ARTCC (ZHU).

#### 4. ABBREVIATIONS.

AFB Air Force Base

ARTC Air Route Traffic Control

ATCAA Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace

AUX Auxiliary

EAS En Route Automation System

ERAM En Route Automation Modernization
FAA Federal Aviation Administration

FL Flight Level JO Joint Order

JRB Joint Reserve Base
LOA Letter of Agreement
MOA Military Operations Area

NAS Naval Air Station
NM Nautical Mile
PAM Tyndall AFB

P31 Pensacola Approach Control SAA Special Activity Airspace

STAR Standard Terminal Arrival Route

W Warning Area

ZHU Houston ARTC Center
ZJX Jacksonville ARTC Center

ZMA Miami ARTC Center

#### 5. COORDINATION PROCEDURES.

- a. Handoffs shall be accomplished no later than 10nm from the ZJX/ZHU Boundary.
- b. It will not be necessary to coordinate inappropriate altitude for direction of flight on aircraft departing the Pensacola Terminal Area assigned an interim altitude of FL230.
- c. When using vERAM or VRC, mandatory radar handoffs suffice for coordination on aircraft climbing or descending to the altitude displayed in the data block. The altitude may be an interim altitude, or the altitude forwarded by the Controller Client. It will be the responsibility of the receiving controller to verbally impose any necessary restrictions for an aircraft for the purpose of separation, through the transferring controller.
- d. Transponder codes may be changed within 15nm of the mutual boundary without prior coordination provided both facilities are operating under EAS/ERAM.

#### 6. ARRIVALS.

- a. ZHU will ensure:
  - a. Turbojet aircraft at or above FL240 landing CEW or the Eglin Terminal Area must be routed via J2.CEW..(direct destination). These aircraft must cross the ZHU/ZJX boundary at FL240.
  - Aircraft landing the Pensacola Terminal Area which are established on V198/V241, or cleared via direct LOXLY..PENSI, must cross LOXLY at 11,000 feet and 250 knots or less.

#### b. ZJX will ensure:

- Aircraft landing MSY and NEW must be cleared over SJI or GPT, and issued the SLIDD STAR.
- b. Aircraft landing the New Orleans Terminal Area must cross the ZHU/ZJX boundary level at an altitude correct for direction of flight at or below FL320.
- c. Aircraft landing the Gulfport Terminal Area must cross the common ZHU/ZJX boundary at or below FL300, descending to FL240.
- d. Aircraft landing the Houston Terminal Area must be routed on airways or a filed STAR and may be cleared direct no farther west than SJI, HRV, LEV, SNYDE Intersection or SHREQ Waypoint.
- e. Aircraft landing ECP must be routed V198/J2.DEFUN..CUGAR..ECP. These aircraft must cross the ZHU/ZJX boundary at or below FL250.

f. Aircraft landing in the Jackson Terminal Area must cross the ZHU/ZJX boundary level at an altitude correct for direction of flight at or below FL340, or must be routed via direct GCV..(direct destination)

#### 7. OVERFLIGHTS.

- a. Aircraft landing in the Dallas/Fort Worth Terminal Area must be routed on airways or a filed STAR, or direct AEX for the filed STAR.
- b. Eastbound aircraft, from the ZHU Leeville (24) Sector, landing MCO, PIE, TPA, or DAB, must be cleared to remain north of aircraft landing MIA, FLL, FXE, or EYW.
- c. Eastbound aircraft, from the ZHU Leeville (24) Sector, landing MIA, FLL, FXE, or EYW, must be cleared to remain south of aircraft landing MCO, PIE, TPA, or DAB.
- d. Westbound aircraft filed over HRV must be cleared to remain north of aircraft filed over LEV
- e. Westbound aircraft filed over LEV must be cleared to remain south of aircraft filed over HRV.

#### 8. MICELLANEOUS.

a. Deviations from procedures outlined in this agreement may be made only after completion of coordination, which defines responsibility in each case.

#### 9. ATTACHMENTS:

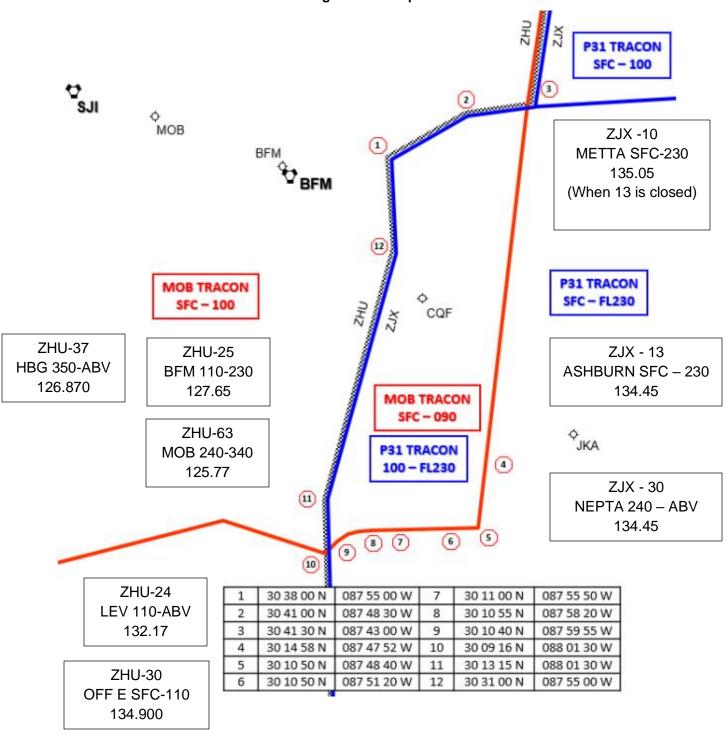
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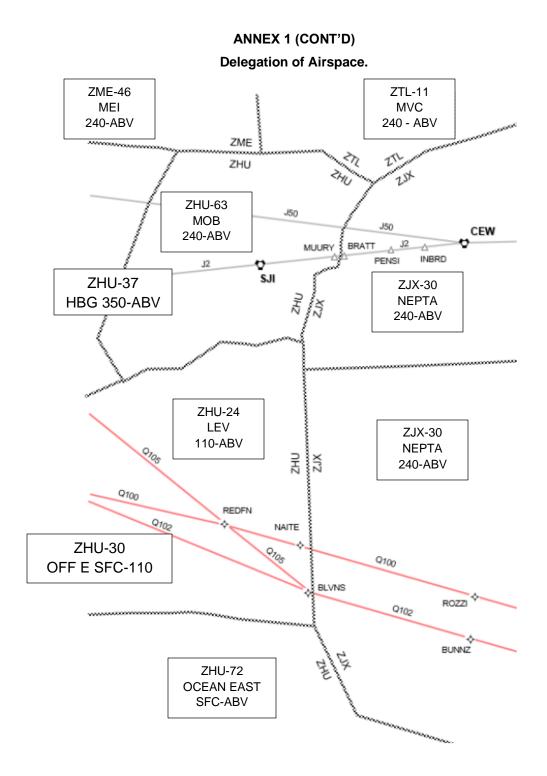
a. ANNEX 1: Delegation of Airspace

b. ANNEX 2: Terminal Areas and Other Airports

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# ANNEX 1 Delegation of Airspace.





ANNEX 1 (CONT'D)

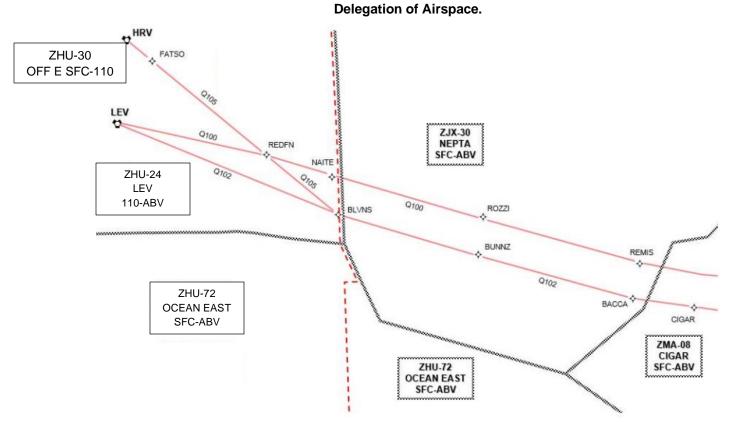
**Delegation of Airspace.** ZTL ZME ZTL ZJX ZHU ZHU N MOA SFC-100 ZJX - 10 ZHU-25 ZJX-09 **METTA** BFM N MOA SFC - 230 SFC-FL230 SFC-FL179 SHL. VPS SFC-100 N MOA 105-179 V241 GALON HACKK P31 SFC-100 MOB TRACON 44 SFC-100 DEFUN BAKOS GALON V198 V198-241 ENSLY INBRD ITNEW IKMOG CEW LOXLY PENSI V241 BRATT ZUGTI BFM ž VPS RAPCON SAINT P31 TRACON SFC-230 PLEBE **GPT TRACON** SFC-230 SFC-100 V198 MOB ZHU-25 BFM ЛСКІ SFC-FL230 ZJX - 13 P31 100-FL23 ROMMY **ASHBURN** ELSIE SFC - 230

ZJX-30 NEPTA SFC-ABV

ZHU-24 LEV SFC-ABV

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### ANNEX 1 (CONT'D)



## ANNEX 2 TERMINAL AREAS AND OTHER AIRPORTS

HOUSTON		DALLAS/FORT WORTH		PENSACOLA			EGLIN		
AXH	Houston Southwest	ADS	Addison	JKA	Jack Edwards National		DTS	Destin Executive	
схо	Conroe-North Houston Regional	AFW	Fort Worth Alliance	NDZ	Whiting Field NAS South		EGI	Duke Field (Eglin AF Aux Nr 3)	
DWH	David Wayne Hooks Memorial	DAL	Dallas Love Field	NPA	Pensacola NAS / Forrest Sherman Field		HRT	Hurlburt Field	
EFD	Ellington	DFW	Dallas/Fort Worth International	NSE	Whiting Field NAS North		VPS	Eglin AFB/Destin-Fort Walton Beach	
GLS	Scholes International at Galveston	DTO	Denton Enterprise	PNS	Pensacola International		OTHER		
HOU	William P. Hobby	FTW	Fort Worth Meacham International	5R4	Foley Municipal		CEW	Bob Sikes	
HPY	Baytown	FWS	Fort Worth Spinks	82J	Ferguson		DAB	Daytona Beach International	
IAH	George Bush Intercontinental/ Houston	GKY	Arlington Municipal		NEW ORLEANS		ECP	Northwest Florida Beaches International	
IWS	West Houston	GPM	Grand Prairie Municipal	ASD	Slidell		EYW	Key West International	
LBX	Texas Gulf Coast Regional	HQZ	Mesquite Metro	HDC	Hammond Northshore Regional		FLL	Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International	
LVJ	Pearland Regional	LNC	Lancaster Regional	HUM	Houma-Terrebonne		FXE	Fort Lauderdale Executive	
SGR	Sugar Land Regional	NFW	Fort Worth NAS JRB (Carswell Field)	MSY	Louis Armstrong New Orleans International		мсо	Orlando International	
TME	Houston Executive	RBD	Dallas Executive	NBG	New Orleans NAS JRB/Alvin Callender Field		MIA	Miami International	
T00	Chambers County	TKI	McKinney National	NEW	Lakefront		PIE	St. Pete-Clearwater International	
T41	La Porte Municipal		JACKSON		GULFPORT		TPA	Tampa International	
T78	Liberty Municipal	HKS	Hawkins Field	BIX	Keesler AFB				
54T	RWJ Airpark	JAN	Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International	GPT	Gulfport-Biloxi International				
6R3	Cleveland Municipal	MBO	Bruce Campbell Field	HSA	Stennis International				
		JVW	John Bell Williams	MJD	Picayune Municipal				