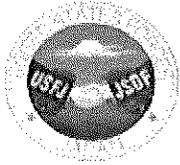


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JOINT AIRSPACE/RANGE SCHEDULING

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PURPOSE: To prescribe policy, provide guidance, and assign responsibilities for conducting joint airspace/range scheduling for U.S. military flying operations throughout Japan.

1. **Program Scope:** This instruction applies to all U.S. Forces owning, possessing, utilizing and/or scheduling U.S. designated training airspace/ranges in and near Japan. This includes U.S. Forces, Japan (USFJ) component forces, as well as, U.S. Forces not directly assigned or attached to USFJ which own, possess, seek to utilize, or schedule airspace, ranges and training areas covered by this instruction.

2. **General:** Coordinated airspace/range usage is essential to maximize training opportunities, increase special use airspace efficiency, improve flight safety, and increase the capacity of the air traffic system. As civil aviation volume increases, civil airspace requirements will continue to grow. Therefore, it is important for U.S. Forces to be good stewards of designated training areas to maximize training availability, to minimize the impact on the host government and to facilitate continued availability of such training areas. This instruction provides guidance for service components to plan, coordinate, and conduct joint airspace/range scheduling throughout Japan pursuant to USPACOMINST S3020.2L, Enclosure 7, paragraphs 3.3.(1), 3.e.(12), 3.e.(13), 3.e.(17), and 3.e.(20). Additionally, this guidance references DOT 7400.8, FAAO 7610.4, AFI13-201, OPNAVINST 3770.2J, COMNAVFORJAPANINST 3500.3T, and PACAF supp to AFI 13-201.

3. **Definitions:**

3.1. **Special Use Airspace (SUA):** Airspace of defined dimensions identified by an area on the surface of the earth wherein activities must be confined because of their nature and/or wherein limitations may be imposed upon aircraft operations that are not a part of those activities. U.S. designated training airspace/ranges, warning/restricted areas, training/testing areas, and altitude reservations are types of special use airspace.

3.2. **Using Agency:** The agency, organization, or military command whose activity within an SUA necessitates the area being so designated. The using agency shall contain within the SUA all activities conducted therein in accordance with the purpose for which it was designated.

3.3. **Scheduling Agency:** The agency that is responsible for scheduling utilization of the SUA.

3.4. Controlling Agency: The agency that has approval authority over designated special use airspace. This agency will resolve conflicts in range requests and apply locally established priorities among users. Unresolved disputes will be referred to USFJ/J32 per para 4.1.3.

3.4.1. Controlling Agencies are defined in Attachment 1.

3.5 Joint Use: Under the 'joint-use' concept, SUA is used by any U.S. armed forces aircraft, regardless of Service affiliation of the using aircraft or the Service affiliation of the scheduling or Controlling Agencies.

4. Responsibilities:

4.1. USFJ Organization:

4.1.1. USFJ/J32 is the Office of Primary Responsibility for oversight of joint airspace/range scheduling operations.

4.1.2. Maintain overall responsibility for this instruction.

4.1.3. Resolve airspace/range disputes between components.

4.2. U.S. Air Forces Japan (USAFJ), Commander Naval Forces Japan (CNFJ), Marine Forces, Japan (MARFORJ) and U.S. Forces not directly assigned or attached to USFJ which own or possess airspace, ranges or training areas covered by this instruction.

4.2.1. Support the joint airspace/range scheduling concept.

4.2.2. Task subordinate units to develop local procedures to facilitate joint scheduling operations.

4.2.3. Ensure units provide manpower as required.

4.2.4. Review procedures annually. Provide feedback for proposed changes/inputs to this instruction to Headquarters United States Forces, Japan as required.

4.3. U.S. Army Japan (USARJ), USAFJ, CNFJ, MARFORJ, and U.S. Forces not directly assigned or attached to USFJ which seek to utilize or schedule airspace, ranges or training areas covered by this instruction.

4.3.1. Schedule and utilize airspace, ranges or training areas covered by this instruction in compliance with local procedures developed by Controlling Agencies.

4.3.2. Resolve or attempt to resolve any conflicts in range requests or procedures with the controlling agency or other user prior to referring such conflicts to USFJ.

5. Procedures:

5.1. Establish a joint scheduling process.

5.1.1. Local procedures must include:

5.1.1.1. Priorities.

5.1.1.2. Scheduling timelines/suspenses.

5.1.1.3. Coordination between the using agency and the controlling agency or a scheduling agency, as required.

5.1.1.4. The development of a single source document/file to provide a 100% accurate and current representation of airspace usage.

5.1.1.5. After-hour scheduling/notification procedures. These procedures should be included in the unit's single source document/file on airspace usage.

Note: Ensure contact information is provided to USFJ/J32.

5.1.1.6. Measure to submit changes to AP-3A as required.

5.1.1.7. Procedures to temporarily return SUA during extended periods of non-use (e.g. during significant lulls in daily schedule, end of scheduled flying operations, holidays) to appropriate military/civilian agency IAW established MOUs, LOAs, and/or Joint Committee Agreements.

Note: Due consideration for Japanese and U.S. holidays will be taken into account when developing the schedule.

5.2. Each controlling agency shall schedule its SUAs referenced in Attachment 1 allowing all Services to access and utilize the SUA when not otherwise in use IAW established procedures.

Note: As the controlling agency, a Service may reserve the right to schedule all airspace/ranges under its operation with precedence as a primary user over requests or previously scheduled use by other Services. Any such policy should allow for changes based on real world contingencies.

5.3. For Low Level Flight Training see USFJI 11-100.

5.4. For Altitude Reservation scheduling see the MOU between Japan Civil Aviation Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport and Pacific Military Altitude Reservation Function, Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Air Force.

6. Permanent return of airspace:

6.1. Component commands will notify USFJ of airspace identified as no longer required to meet mission needs. Component commands are not delegated the authority to permanently return airspace to the Government of Japan. USFJ will assume responsibility for airspace disposition following notification.

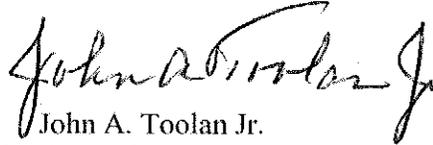
7. Contact Information.

7.1. HQ USFJ/J32, Unit 5068, APO AP 96328. DSN 225-2013/7678, DSN Fax 225-8378/6312, SIPRNET website <http://www.usfj.navy.smil.mil/TeamApp/J32/>.

7.2. CNFJ/N31, DSN 243-7667, email: cnfjn31@fe.navy.mil.

7.3. 5th Air Force, DSN 225-4467/4465/4516, email: 5af.a3a@yokota.af.mil.

7.4. MARFORJ Range and Training Area Manager, DSN 622-2600.



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Attachment:

I. Controlling Agency Airspace

Attachment 1

Controlling Agency Airspace
Reference AP-3A

A. Okinawa

AREA	CONTROLLING AGENCY
W-172	18 WG (USAF)
W-173	CNFJ (NAVY)
W-173A	18 WG (USAF)
W-173 D/E/F	CNFJ (NAVY)
W-174	18 WG (USAF)
W-174A	18 WG (USAF)
W-175	CNFJ (NAVY)
W-176	18 WG (USAF)
W-178/W-178A	Camp Butler
W-179	18 WG (USAF)
W-181	CNFJ (NAVY)
R-183	CNFJ (NAVY)
W-183A	CNFJ (NAVY)
W-184	CNFJ (NAVY)
W-185	CNFJ (NAVY)

B. Southern Honshu

AREA	CONTROLLING AGENCY
R-109	MCAS Iwakuni
R-134	MCAS Iwakuni

C. Central Honshu

AREA	CONTROLLING AGENCY
R-105	ATGWP
R-114	Camp Fuji
R-116	ATGWP
Hotel Area	374 OSS Scheduling agency: JASDF

D. Northern Honshu

AREA	CONTROLLING AGENCY
R-129	35 OSS
R-130	35 OSS