



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Aviation Division

Aviation Operations Procedure 05-1
Auxiliary Aviation Callsigns and ICAO Identifier
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Ref:

- (a) Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual, M16798.3 (series)
- (b) FAA letter from Richard Powell, of July 8, 2005

1. Purpose

To ensure standardization of the use of the Auxiliary Call Sign and three-letter ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) identifier.

2. Background

Coast Guard Aviation (G-OCA) requested that the FAA assign a separate three-letter ICAO identifier for use by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. This identifier would be linked to the AUXAIR telephony call sign and to flight plan filing and for flight following purposes. This identifier has been coordinated with ICAO and has now been assigned by the FAA to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary (see reference (b)).

3. Procedure

- a. The Auxiliary identifier consists of the three letter group: **CGX**.
- b. The Auxiliary Operations Policy Manual (reference (a), Annex 1, section F.2) requires that: "Coast Guard Auxiliary aircraft while on Coast Guard orders shall use "**Coast Guard AuxAir (tail number)**" when communicating on any frequency external to the aircraft." [emphasis added]
- c. Since the FAA/ICAO identifier consists of only 7 characters, the following procedure shall be used by Auxiliary aircraft when operating under orders (unless tactical call signs are in use):
 - i. The "tail number" used shall consist of the **last four (4)** alphanumeric characters of the "N" number of the aircraft.
 - ii. If the "N" number consists of fewer than 4 alphanumerics, the entire sequence of characters following the "N" shall be used. Examples:
 - 1. Tail number N1234A: "**Coast Guard AuxAir 234A**"
 - 2. Tail number N12A: "**Coast Guard AuxAir 12A**"
 - iii. If the full call sign is requested, it would be given as:
"CGX 234A"
- d. When filing flight plans, the entry for "Aircraft Identification" or "Aircraft Call Sign" shall be "**CGX (tail number)**", where the tail number consists of the **last four** alphanumeric characters of the aircraft "N" number. If the "N" number consists of fewer than 4 alphanumerics, the entire sequence of characters following the "N" shall be used.