At the request of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be issuing Temporary Flight Restriction(s) (TFR) in support of the Democratic National Convention taking place in Philadelphia, PA July 25th through 29th, 2016. The restrictions are designed to provide a safe and secure environment for the event but also ensure fair and equitable access to all airspace users to the greatest extent possible. As part of the airspace security measures for these events, the FAA will be issuing one or more Temporary Flight Restriction Notice to Airmen (NOTAM(s)) outlining the specific restrictions.

Pursuant to 49 USC 40103(b), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) classifies the airspace defined in this advisory and the published NOTAM as 'National Defense Airspace'. Pilots who do not adhere to the following procedures may be intercepted, detained and interviewed by law enforcement/security personnel. Any of the following additional actions may also be taken against a pilot who does not comply with the requirements or any special instructions or procedures announced in this NOTAM:

a) The FAA may take administrative action, including imposing civil penalties and the suspension or revocation of airmen certificates; or
b) The United States Government may pursue criminal charges, including charges under Title 49 of the United States Code, Section 46307; or
c) The United States Government may use deadly force against the airborne aircraft, if it is determined that the aircraft poses an imminent security threat.

Be advised that noncompliance with the published NOTAM may result in the use of force.

The restrictions indicated below will be implemented by the FAA through a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) and published via Notice to Airman (NOTAM) as soon as more information becomes available. Operators can expect restrictions at various locations. The actual times for the TFRs have not yet been finalized. The FAA recommends that all aircraft operators check NOTAMs frequently for possible changes and updates prior to conducting operations in or near this area.

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Restrictions range from a 3nm to 30nm, centered on the Wells Fargo Center in Downtown Philadelphia (PHL). This includes an area of airspace over the surface of the earth where the ready identification, location, and control of aircraft are required in the interest of national security. Specifically, the TFR is that airspace, from the surface up to but not including FL180, within a 30 NM radius.

The following restrictions will apply Monday July 25th at 1000 EDT to Friday the 29th at approximately 0100 EDT. Please note the 10nm inner ring restriction may be reduced daily to a 3nm inner ring earlier than Scheduled:

From July 25th to July 29th, a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) will be placed at 395404N/0751019W or the North Philadelphia VOR (PNE) 232 radial at 10.3nm and will consist of a 30NM outer ring and a 10nm inner ring from the surface up to but not including 18,000 FT MSL. The TFR will be in effect daily from 1000 Local to 0100 Local (the following day).

From July 25th to July 28th a TFR will be placed at 395404N/0751019W or the North Philadelphia VOR (PNE) 232 radial at 10.3nm and will consist of a 30NM outer ring and 3NM inner ring, from the surface up to but not including 18,000 FT MSL. The TFR will be in effect daily from 0101 to 0959 local.
**Operations within the 3NM inner ring is limited to:**
Aircraft flight operations will be prohibited except as specified below and/or unless authorized by ATC in consultation with the Aviation Security Operations Center (ASOC):

1. Regularly scheduled commercial passenger and all-cargo carriers operating under one of the following TSA-approved standard security programs/procedures: Aircraft Operator Standard Security Program (AOSSP), Full All-Cargo Aircraft Operator Standard Security Program (FACA OSSP), Model Security Program (MSP), Twelve Five Standard Security Program (TFSSP) All Cargo, Or All-Cargo International Security Procedure (ACISP) and are arriving into and/or departing from 14 CFR Part 139 airports.
2. Aircraft operating under a SPO, GOV or ELO waiver.
3. Part 135/91 aircraft on an active IFR or VFR flight plan may depart PHL if they have been screened and released by TSA. Part 135/91 aircraft on an active IFR or VFR flight plan may arrive at PHL, if they have been screened and released at one of the two TSA Gateway Airports which are presently planned for Harrisburg International Airport, PA (MDT) and Westchester County Airport, NY (HPN).
4. Foreign aircraft issued a Department of State diplomatic clearances are authorized to land PHL.
5. DOD aircraft in direct support of the event, air ambulance aircraft and law enforcement aircraft are authorized. Operators must coordinate in advance with the FAA at the Aviation Security Operations Center (ASOC) located in the DNC Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) at a phone number that will be published in the official Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

**Operations within the 10nm ring is limited to:**
1. Regularly scheduled commercial passenger and all-cargo carriers operating under one of the following TSA-approved standard security programs/procedures: Aircraft Operator Standard Security Program (AOSSP), Full All-Cargo Aircraft Operator Standard Security Program (FACA OSSP), Model Security Program (MSP), Twelve Five Standard Security Program (TFSSP) All Cargo, Or All-Cargo International Security Procedure (ACISP) and are arriving into and/or departing from 14 CFR Part 139 airports.
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Operations within the 30nm ring:
1. IFR/VFR operations to, from and between airports in the outer ring of the TFR will be permitted during the time of this NOTAM.
2. VFR transit flights or loitering within the outer ring of the TFR will not be permitted during the time of this NOTAM.
3. All VFR traffic pattern operations at airports within the TFR will not be permitted during the time of this NOTAM.

In Addition, aircraft receiving authorization to operate within the TFR shall be required to:
1. Be on an active IFR/VFR flight plan. Locally based operators with a Philadelphia TRACON pre-assigned beacon code may operate VFR without a flight plan following approval from the ASOC.
2. Have a discrete transponder code assigned by ATC.
3. Remain in continuous two-way communications with ATC.
4. All DOD, Federal, State or Local Law Enforcement, First Responders, Air Ambulance and News Media must contact Douglas.Gould@faa.gov for Prior Airspace Access vetting and operational mission approval at least 7 days prior to this event.

Prohibited Operations within the entire TFR:
Model Aircraft, Unmanned Aircraft (A.K. A. Drones), Aerobatic Maneuvers, Glider Operations, Parachute Operations, Ultralights, Lighter than Air/Balloon/Moored Balloon, Agricultural/Crop Dusting/Spraying, Animal Population Control, Banner Towing, Utility/Pipeline Patrols, Aircraft/Helicopters operating from a ship or private/corporate yacht, Model Rockets, or Maintenance Flights, Flight Training, and Practice Approaches are prohibited – including DOD, Law Enforcement and Air Ambulance unless approved by the ASOC.

All flight waivers (including UAS Section 333 Exemption or COAs) to operate within the TFR will be temporarily suspended during the time of this NOTAM unless prior approval from the ASOC.

Gateway Instructions:
1. Aircraft not operating under a TSA-approved standard security program previously listed above who are arriving/departing Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), when the TFR is in effect must be security screened by TSA at a designated gateway airport or location.
2. TSA security screening and gateway operations will be available on July 25th to July 28th from 0930 EDT to Midnight daily for those operators wishing to operate into Philadelphia International Airport (PHL); Screening sites have been established at Harrisburg International Airport, PA (MDT) and Westchester County Airport, NY (HPN) for inbound flights. A TSA screening site will be established at Philadelphia International
Airport (PHL) for aircraft departing during the effective times of this TFR. See published NOTAM for actual availability of TSA screening.

3. All aircraft requiring security screening at a gateway airport must register with the TSA, telephonically at least 24 hours prior to the planned flight. The TSA registration phone number will be provided in the NOTAM when published. Registration prior to the publishing of the event NOTAM will not be available. TSA security screening at the gateway locations will consist of ID verification of all passengers and crew, physical screening of persons and baggage, and inspection of the aircraft.

4. Positive pilot identification procedures will be in effect during this TFR. Special ATC procedures and routes to and from this airport may be assigned prior to departure from a gateway airport. Upon departing the gateway airport, all aircraft must be on a VFR or IFR flight plan, maintain radio contact with ATC and continuously squawk an ATC-assigned discrete transponder code. Intermediate stops are not authorized unless there is an emergency. If an intermediate stop occurs, aircraft will be required to return to a gateway airport to be re-screened prior to continuing flight with the TFR.

The restrictions discussed in this advisory may change with little or no notice. Pilots are advised to check NOTAMs frequently for possible changes prior to operations in the area. Pilots are strongly advised to contact a Flight Service Station at 1-800-WX- BRIEF (1-800-992-7433) prior to flight to check for all current NOTAMS.

The FAA point of contact for the 2016 Philadelphia DNC visit is the Doug Gould, who may be reached at Douglas.Gould@FAA.Gov.
Absolutely No Drones will be permitted within the Philadelphia Temporary Flight Restrictions July 25-29, 2016
NO DRONE ZONE