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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-41  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
925 AM EDT MON JUL 27 2009

TO: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICES  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS  
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER USERS OF NWS AVIATION FORECASTS  
NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: CYNDIE ABELMAN  
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SUBJECT: DISCONTINUATION OF INTERNATIONAL ROUTE FORECASTS: EFFECTIVE  
SEPTEMBER 2 2009

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2 2009 AT 0001 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE  
NWS WILL DISCONTINUE THE ROUTE FORECASTS /ROFOR/ FOR KWAJALEIN TO MAJURO  
/RFRKWA/ AND FOR MAJURO TO TARAWA /RFRFFN/.

AWIPS IDENTIFER	WMO HEADING	GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTOR
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RFRKWA	FROC32 PHFO	KWAJALEIN TO MAJURO
RFRFFN	FROC33 PHFO	MAJURO TO TARAWA

THE FINAL RFRKWA WILL BE ISSUED AT 1900 UTC ON SEPTEMBER 1 2009. THE  
FINAL RFRFFN WILL BE ISSUED AT 1730 UTC ON AUGUST 28 2009.

THE ROFOR FOR SAN FRANCISCO/SANTA BARBARA TO HONOLULU /RFRKSF/ IS  
UNAFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE AND WILL CONTINUE.

WFO HONOLULU...IN ITS CAPACITY AS A METEOROLOGICAL WATCH OFFICE DESIGNATED  
BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION /ICAO/...ISSUES ROFORS  
DAILY FOR A ROUTE FROM KWAJALEIN TO MAJURO AND WEEKLY FOR A ROUTE FROM  
MAJURO TO TARAWA. THESE ROFORS PROVIDE FLIGHT LEVEL WIND AND TEMPERATURE  
INFORMATION. WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE WINDS AND TEMPERATURES ALOFT  
PRODUCTS /FB BULLETINS/...IMPLEMENTED IN ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE  
PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ CHANGE NOTICE #AB943 IN SEPTEMBER 2004...THESE  
TWO ROFORS PROVIDE DUPLICATE INFORMATION AND ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. IN  
ADDITION...THE ICAO...IN AMENDMENT 74 TO ANNEX III...REMOVED THE  
REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF ROFORS.

FB BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://AVIATIONWEATHER.GOV/PRODUCTS/NWS/WINDS/](http://aviationweather.gov/products/nws/winds/)

WFO HONOLULU SOLICITED COMMENTS OVER A TWO-MONTH PERIOD IN 2008...SEEKING  
FEEDBACK FROM ANYONE WHO MAY STILL USE THESE ROFORS. ONLY ONE COMMENT WAS  
RECEIVED FROM AN AIRLINE STATING THAT IT NO LONGER USES THE KWAJALEIN TO  
MAJURO ROFOR. NO COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED REGARDING THE MAJURO TO TARAWA  
ROFOR.

COMMENTS WERE ALSO SOLICITED REGARDING THE SAN FRANCISCO/SANTA BARBARA TO HONOLULU ROFOR. THERE WAS OVERWHELMING FEEDBACK THAT THIS ROFOR WAS VITAL AND SHOULD CONTINUE. THEREFORE...NO CHANGES ARE BEING MADE TO RFRKSF.

NWS INSTRUCTION 10-811 /ENROUTE FORECASTS AND ADVISORIES/ WILL BE UPDATED TO REMOVE RFRKWA AND RFRFFN DURING THE NEXT ROUTINE DIRECTIVE REVIEW CYCLE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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