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## **Flight Information Publications (FLIPs), Digital Aeronautical Flight Information File (DAFIF), and Related Aeronautical Charts and Publications**

On November 18, 2004, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) announced in the Federal Register their intent to remove Department of Defense (DoD) “Flight Information Publications (FLIPs), Digital Aeronautical Flight Information File (DAFIF), and related aeronautical safety of navigation digital and hardcopy publications from public sale and distribution.” When this action is implemented, the Federal Aviation Administration will no longer be permitted to sell and distribute DoD aeronautical charts and publications to the public. The proposed implementation date is October 1, 2005.

In the announcement, NGA states that “this action is taken to accomplish the following objectives: safeguarding the integrity of Department of Defense (DoD) aeronautical navigation data currently available on the public Internet; prevent unfettered access to air facility data by those intending harm to the United States, its interests or allies; upholding terms of bi-lateral geospatial data-sharing agreements; avoiding competition with commercial interests; avoiding intellectual property/copyright disputes with foreign agencies that provide host-nation aeronautical data.” To view a copy of the announcement, please go to the Special Notices section on the FAA, National Aeronautical Charting Office website at <http://naco.faa.gov>.

Comments and questions from the public, though not solicited in the announcement, are permitted and encouraged. Written comments must be received no later than January 17, 2005. Please send your written comments to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Aeronautical Division, MS L-27, Attn: Joeseeph S. Jarvis, 3838 Vogel Road, Arnold, Missouri 63010-6238 or e-mail them to Joseph S. Jarvis at [JarvisJ@nga.mil](mailto:JarvisJ@nga.mil).

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