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Memorandum

Date: OCT 2 1 2013

To: [redacted], Acting Director, Central Terminal Operations, AJT-C

From: [redacted], Acting Director, Terminal Operations, Headquarters, AJT-2

Subject: Request for Interpretation to FAA Order JO 7110.65U, Paragraph 3-7-2c, Taxi and Ground Movement Operations; Your Memo dated August 5, 2013

Terminal Operations and Procedures have reviewed your request for an interpretation of FAA Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, Paragraph 3-7-2c, and offers the following:

In your request, you ask the following question: An airport vehicle is holding short of Runway 36 and has called the tower with a request to conduct a runway inspection on Runway 36 which intersects Runway 9. The tower controller clears the vehicle to "proceed on Runway 36." Does this mean the vehicle inspecting Runway 36 can cross Runway 9 without a runway crossing or hold short clearance?

Vehicles involved in the inspection of a runway are deemed to be operating on the runway; therefore, no runway crossing clearance is required. To contrast, if the vehicle had requested to proceed on the runway to access another portion of the airfield (i.e., not conducting an inspection), then a runway crossing clearance/hold short instruction would be required.

The current rule as specified in FAA Order JO 7110.65 is sufficient, therefore, in accordance with Headquarters guidance, no Document Change Proposal will be presented along with this interpretation.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted], Terminal Operations and Procedures Specialist, at [redacted] or via telephone at [redacted].

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Memorandum

Date: April 29, 2013

To: [redacted], Manager, Operations Support Group, Central Service Area
Thru: [redacted] Manager, Quality Control Group, Central Service Area

From: [redacted] Specialist, Quality Control Group, Central Service Area

Subject: Request for Interpretation

Minneapolis Crystal Airport Traffic Control Tower (MIC ATCT) is requesting an interpretation regarding a clearance to a vehicle as it pertains to JO 7110.65U, Paragraph 3-7-2c.

Paragraph 3-7-2c states "Aircraft/vehicles must receive a clearance for each runway their route crosses. An aircraft/vehicle must have crossed a previous runway before another runway crossing clearance may be issued".

The scenario in question concerns an airport with a crossing runway configuration. An airport vehicle is holding short of runway 36 and has called the tower with a request to conduct a runway inspection on runway 36, which intersects runway 9. The tower controller clears the vehicle to "proceed on runway 36". Does this mean the vehicle inspecting runway 36 can cross runway 9 without a runway crossing or hold short clearance?