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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. This revision of Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-1042 clarifies the application of criteria in the purpose paragraph; changes the waiver approval authority for waivers; clarifies waiver processing procedures; clarifies and updates information for marking obstructions on joint-use airfields; updates references to related documents; clarifies obstruction marking requirements for groups of obstructions; and updates the references, acronyms, abbreviations, and terms provided within the instruction.

1. **Background.** This instruction uses standards developed from:
   
   1.1. FAA Advisory Circulars (AC).
   1.2. NATO Standardization Agreements (STANAG).
   1.3. Air Standardization Coordinating Committee (ASCC) Air Standards.

2. **Responsibilities.**

   2.1. The MAJCOM Director of Operations (MAJCOM/A3) is the approval authority for waiver requests for marking deviations, including application of non-standard markings. Non-standard markings are those not defined within any Air Force, Department Of Transportation (FAA and Federal Highway Administration [FHWA]), ICAO, ASCC, or NATO standard appropriate for application at the given installation.

   2.1.1. MAJCOM Civil Engineer representatives make recommendations for action and process waiver requests for coordination with ground safety, weapons safety (to ensure quantity-distance criteria are met), flight safety, airfield management, and flight operations at the MAJCOM level prior to MAJCOM/A3 consideration.

   2.1.2. MAJCOM Civil Engineer representatives also provide oversight to:

   2.1.2.1. Ensure that bases comply with this instruction.

   2.1.2.2. Recommend approval or disapproval of temporary and permanent waiver requests.

   2.1.2.3. Provide technical guidance to base-level personnel.

   2.2. MAJCOM civil engineering, safety, airfield management, and flight operations should provide input to MAJCOM/A3, and must coordinate on all waiver requests for decision and final action.
2.3. Installation commanders make a formal request for waivers to MAJCOM/A3. 

**EXCEPTION:** Installation commanders may not exempt obstructions from obstruction marking requirements at joint-use airfields. For this instruction, a joint-use airfield is defined as an installation where written agreement between the military department and a local government agency authorize use of the military runways for a public airport. For joint-use installations, all obstructions as defined within Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77, *Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace* (see extract in Unified Facilities Criteria [UFC] 3-260-01, *Airfield and Heliport Planning and Design*, Attachment 6) or ICAO Annex 14, as applicable, must be marked in accordance with either FAA AC 70/7460-1, *Obstruction Marking and Lighting*, or ICAO Annex 14, as appropriate. (T-0)

2.4. The Base Civil Engineer's (BCE) representative is responsible for:

2.4.1. Ensuring that airfield markings:

   2.4.1.1. Comply with this instruction and ETL 04-2, *Standard Airfield Pavement Marking Schemes* (or future UFC 3-260-04 upon publication). (T-0)

   2.4.1.2. Clearly delineate closed and hazardous areas, especially during construction projects. (T-0)

2.4.2. Developing a schedule with local flight safety office and Airfield Manager for monitoring and periodic inspection of airfield markings and obstructions. (T-2)

2.4.3. Scheduling maintenance and remarking of airfield and vehicular access roadway pavements. (T-2)

2.4.4. Preparing, coordinating, and submitting requests for waivers as follows:

   2.4.4.1. Forwards copies of waiver requests and supporting documentation to airfield management, safety (flight, ground, and weapons), and flight operations for coordination before requesting the installation commander's approval for processing at the MAJCOM. (T-2)

   2.4.4.2. A final copy of all waiver requests should be sent to all interested offices at base and MAJCOM levels. At minimum, copies must be provided to civil engineering, airfield management, and safety. (T-2)

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References
AFPD 32-10, Installations and Facilities
FAA AC 150/5340-1, Standards for Airport Markings
ICAO Annex 14 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Volume I, Aerodrome Design and Operations
ICAO Annex 14 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Volume II, Heliports
ETL 04-2, Standard Airfield Pavement Marking Schemes
AFI 33-360, Publications and Forms Management
AFMAN 33-363, Management of Records
Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77, Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace
UFC 3-260-01, Airfield and Heliport Planning and Design
FAA AC 70/7460-1, Obstruction Marking and Lighting

Adopted Forms
AF Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication

Abbreviations and Acronyms
AC—advisory circular
AFI—Air Force instruction
AFMAN—Air Force manual
AFPD—Air Force policy directive
AFRIMS—Air Force Records Information Management System
ASCC—Air Standardization Coordinating Committee
BCE—base civil engineer
DoD—Department of Defense
ETL—Engineering Technical Letter
FAA—Federal Aviation Administration
FHWA—Federal Highway Administration
ICAO—International Civil Aviation Organization
MAJCOM—major command
NATO—North Atlantic Treaty Organization
RDS—Records Disposition Service
SOFA—Status of Forces Agreement
STANAG—Standardization Agreement
UFC—Unified Facilities Criteria