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****COLLINS AEROSPACE NOTICE****

To: Subscribers to the Collins Aerospace Aeronautical Databases
From: Aeronautical Data Services

SUBJECT: Notice of Change to .ZIP File Format

Overview

Notice of transition to distribute Aeronautical Database Files (Nav, E-Maps, Obstacles, ect.) as .ZIP files and retiring self-extracting .EXE files beginning cycle 2510 (EFF: 02 Oct).

Detail

Recent trends in cyber security have created difficulties with .EXE file extensions, causing them to be potentially viewed as malware by antivirus software. This has caused difficulties for customers using our self-extracting database files being mistakenly flagged as malware preventing them from being downloaded or utilized.

Starting cycle 2510, Collins Aerospace will discontinue use of .EXE self-extractors for aeronautical databases and instead distribute them as .ZIP files. The database content will remain the same, but an additional text file will be included that carries the database name, cycle, effectivity dates, and links to various support documents. This new text file can be left in place as it has no impact on database loading.

To support this transition, Collins Aerospace has distributed a new user help document with this alert outlining the new processes that will accompany the change to .ZIP files.

Performance, Vertical Speed, and Weight & Balance (Perf / Vspd / Wt&Bal) databases will remain as .EXE format and will transition to .ZIP by the end of 2025.

If you have questions regarding this change, please contact the Aeronautical Data Services database technical team at collinsdatabasetech@rockwellcollins.com.