

NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpecs A003, B039, B046, D092, and D108 for Part 129

1. Purpose of this Notice. This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) offices and inspectors with oversight responsibility for operators conducting airplane operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 129. This notice decommissions operations specification (OpSpec) B039, Operations in North Atlantic (NAT) Minimum Navigation Performance Specifications (MNPS) Airspace; B046, Operations in Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Airspace; and D092, Maintenance Program Authorized for Airplanes Used for Operations in Designated Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Airspace, both the 129 and 129.14 templates. This notice also amends OpSpec A003, Aircraft Authorization, (129 templates) and part 129 templates provides initial release of OpSpec D108, Maintenance Program – Continuous Airworthiness U.S.-Registered Airplanes, the 129 and 129.14 templates.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO), International Field Offices (IFO), International Field Units (IFU), principal operations inspectors (POI), principal maintenance inspectors (PMI), and principal avionics inspectors (PAI) with oversight responsibility for operators issued OpSpecs under part 129. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards branches and divisions in the regions and in headquarters (HQ).

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices. Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Air carriers (operators) can find this notice on the FAA's Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Explanation of Policy Changes. The International Programs and Policy Division (AFS-50) together with the Aircraft Maintenance Division (AFS-300) and the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400) have decommissioned B039, B046, and D092, released D108 and amended A003 for part 129. The majority of the requirements contained in B039 and B046 are now covered by regulation. For RVSM, refer to part 129, § 129.5 (ICAO Annex 6, Operation of Aircraft, Part I, International Commercial Air Transport—Aeroplane, specifically 7.2.4, 7.2.8, and 4.2.2); part 91, §§ 91.180, 91.215, 91.706, and part 91 appendix G; 14 CFR part 25,

§ 25.1325; and 14 CFR part 23, § 23.1325. For MNPS, refer to § 129.5 (ICAO Annex 6, Part I, specifically 7.2.3); part 91, § 91.705, and part 91 appendix C.

a. B039, D092, and D108. Since those portions of B039 which were not covered by regulation are part of a maintenance function that needed to be incorporated into D OpSpecs, initially AFS-50 and AFS-400 incorporated the amendments into D092. Upon further review, AFS-50 together with AFS-400, to avoid confusion with the U.S. certificate holder D OpSpecs templates, decommissioned D092 and rolled the changes into D108. The new D108 is as follows:

- Maintenance Program – Continuous Airworthiness U.S.-Registered Airplanes (renamed decommissioned D092).
- Written into plain language.
- Text already covered by regulations and other OpSpecs has been deleted.
- Added a selectable subparagraph for NAT/MNPS (previously subparagraph b (4) in B039).
- Table has been revised as follows:
 - Three main columns: “Aircraft”, “For Operations in RVSM Airspace”, and “For Operation Requiring a Lateral Navigation Specifications.”
 - Under the “For Operation Requiring Lateral Navigation Specifications”, added two columns, one for Equipment (Manufacturer/Model) and the other for Performance Specification, each column with dropdown selectable options.

Note: For Operation Requiring Lateral Navigation Specifications added RNP 4, RNP 10, B-RNAV/RNAV 5 (+/-5nm), B-RNAV (+/-1nm) etc. to the dropdown under Performance specification because they are all tied to navigation equipment.

b. A003 was Revised as Follows:

- Written into plain language.
- Text already covered by regulations and other OpSpecs has been deleted.
- References to B046 and B039 were deleted.
- The last two columns of the table were replaced with a single selectable column titled RVSM.
- Added a selectable limitation for aircraft which do not have a minimum equipment list (MEL) and guidance (for text box instructions) relating to the listing of these aircraft.

5. Action. This is a mandatory change affecting principal inspectors (PI) with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs for part 129. If previously issued, PIs must manually archive B039, B046, and D092, reissue A003, A004, and if applicable issue D108. This action must be accomplished within 180 calendar days of the effective date of this notice *or* at such a time that A004 is being reissued (for example, when authorizing a new optional OpSpec), whichever occurs first.

Note: PIs may find a job aid for D108 in Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS) by selecting D108 in any of the certificate-holding district office (CHDO) grids (Available, Workspace, Issues and Archived) and clicking on the “Guidance” button.

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1, before this notice expires. Please direct any questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the International Operations Branch (AFS-52) at 202-385-8070.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Barbagallo".

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**Appendix A. Sample OpSpec D108, Maintenance Program-Continuous Airworthiness – U.S. Registered
Airplanes: 14 CFR Part 129**

a. The aircraft shall be maintained as follows:

Aircraft			For Operation in RVSM Airspace			For Operation Requiring a Lateral Navigation Specifications	
M/M/S	Registration Number	Serial Number	Approved RVSM Maintenance Program Document Name	Document Revision Date and Number	Program Expiration Date	Equipment (Manufacturer/Model)	Performance Specification

(Select the text box for subparagraph b only if authorized for MNPS. This is not template text.)

b. Operations in the North Atlantic Minimum Navigation Performance Specifications (NAT/MNPS) Airspace must be conducted in accordance with 14 CFR part 91, § 91.705. Suitable displays must be available at each pilot's station to permit continuous monitoring of the long-range navigation systems (LRNS) crosstrack and alongtrack information.

Appendix B. Sample OpSpec A003, Aircraft Authorized for Operations to the United States: 14 CFR Part 129

- a. Authorization. The foreign air carrier is authorized to conduct its operations in the United States using only the following:

Aircraft				Configuration, Conditions and Certain Operations Authorized			
Aircraft M/M/S	Serial Number	Registration Number	Configuration	En Route	Condition of Flight	Part 36 (Noise)	RVSM
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- b. Limitations. The following authorizations and Limitations apply:

(1) All State of the Operator more restrictive limitations apply.

(2) The following aircraft listed below do not have a minimum equipment list (MEL). Accordingly, the foreign air carrier may not take off the following aircraft with inoperable instruments or equipment installed.