

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Part 135 Second in Command Professional Development Program

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides policy, information, and direction regarding the Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 135 Second in Command Professional Development Program (SIC PDP). This notice also announces new Operations Specification (OpSpec) A062, Second in Command Professional Development Program, which authorizes an SIC PDP.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is principal operations inspectors (POI) responsible for the approval and surveillance of part 135 air carriers/operators. The secondary audience includes other Certificate Management Team (CMT) aviation safety inspectors (ASI) (Operations) and personnel in all Flight Standards divisions, branches, and offices.
- 3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website 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>. Operators can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) website at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.
- 4. Background.** On June 27, 2018, the FAA issued the Regulatory Relief: Aviation Training Devices; Pilot Certification, Training, and Pilot Schools; and Other Provisions Final Rule. This Final Rule included an amendment to part 135, § 135.99 to permit a part 135 air carrier/operator to receive authorization of an SIC PDP via its OpSpecs. This amendment is effective on November 26, 2018. Under an SIC PDP, the Final Rule allows pilots employed by the part 135 air carrier/operator to log second-in-command (SIC) flight time in an aircraft or operation that does not otherwise require an SIC. The Final Rule allows this flight time to be used to meet certain aeronautical experience requirements of 14 CFR part 61 for an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) Certificate and certain aeronautical experience requirements specified in part 135.
- 5. Guidance.** This notice contains the following:
 - The sample OpSpec A062 in Appendix A applies to part 135.
 - The sample OpSpec A062 in Appendix B applies to part 121/135.

6. Action.

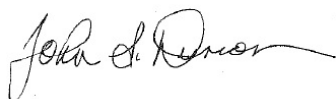
a. Review. If a part 135 air carrier/operator requests authorization of an SIC PDP, the POI must follow the process in FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 68, Section 1, Safety Assurance System: Part 135 Second in Command Professional Development Program, to review the request to ensure all requirements are met. POIs should record this certificate holder-initiated change request in the Safety Assurance System (SAS) following guidance in Order 8900.1, Volume 10, Chapter 2, Section 1, Safety Assurance System: Module 1 Configuration.

b. Authorization. If the part 135 air carrier/operator has met all the requirements, on or after November 26, 2018, the POI may authorize the SIC PDP through the issuance of OpSpec A062. Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 3, Part A Operations Specifications—General, contains instructions on the completion of OpSpec A062. OpSpec A062 will be available in the Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS) on the effective date of § 135.99(c), November 26, 2018. Certificate holders may submit and a POI may review an SIC PDP prior to the effective date. However, the POI may not authorize an SIC PDP using OpSpec A062 until the effective date.

Note: Before issuing OpSpec A062, the POI must first authorize OpSpec A062 in OpSpec A004, Summary of Special Authorizations and Limitations, and reissue OpSpec A004.

7. Additional References. The current edition of Advisory Circular (AC) 135-43, Second in Command Professional Development Program, provides information and guidelines for part 135 air carriers/operators to aid in the development of an SIC PDP which meets the requirements of § 135.99(c).

8. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions concerning the information in this notice to the Air Transportation Division at 202-267-8166.



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**Appendix A. Sample OpSpec A062, Second in Command Professional
Development Program: 14 CFR Part 135**

a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct 14 CFR parts 91 and 135 operations using the multiengine airplanes or single-engine, turbine-powered airplanes listed in Table 1 below, under a Second in Command Professional Development Program (SIC PDP) that meets the requirements of part 135, § 135.99(c).

Table 1 – Airplanes Under an SIC PDP

Airplane Make/Model/Series	Remarks/Limitations

b. Additional Requirements for Part 91 Operations. In addition to the requirements of § 135.99(c), the following requirements apply to flights conducted under part 91:

(1) The certificate holder must maintain responsibility for operational control using the system described in operations specification A008.

(2) Crewmembers must use the manual required by § 135.21 and the operating information required by § 135.83.

(3) For multiengine airplanes, the certificate holder must meet the recordkeeping requirements of § 135.63(c) and (d).

**Appendix B. Sample OpSpec A062, Second in Command Professional
Development Program: 14 CFR Part 121/135**

a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct 14 CFR parts 91 and 135 operations using the multiengine airplanes or single-engine, turbine-powered airplanes listed in Table 1 under an SIC PDP that meets the requirements of part 135, § 135.99(c).

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