

NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpec C070, Airports Authorized for Scheduled Operations

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces a mandatory revision to operations specification (OpSpec) C070 for Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 121 and 135, including part 121/135 combination certificates. The associated policy has also been updated. It can be found in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 5, Part C Operations Specifications—Airplane Terminal Instrument Procedures and Airport Authorizations and Limitations, OpSpec C070.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is principal operations inspectors (POI) and aviation safety inspectors (ASI) with oversight responsibility of certificate holders conducting parts 121 and/or 135 operations. The secondary audience includes those Flight Standards Service divisions, branches, and offices which have responsibilities that apply to parts 121 and/or 135 air carrier operations.

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.av.faa.gov>. Air carriers (certificate holders) can find this notice on the FAA's website at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Background. The Air Transportation Division (AFS-200) has updated the C070 templates for clarity, and to revise the definitions contained in the OpSpec so they are more in line with current regulations. The associated policy for C070 has also been revised significantly to include information in the following subject areas:

- Regulatory Foundation.
- Airports for Scheduled Operations.
- Regulatory References.
- Safety Assurance System (SAS) Data Collection Tools (DCT) Related to C070.
- Definitions.
- The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).
- Station Facilities Operations Inspections for Parts 121 and 135 Certificate Holders.
- Designation of Airports in C070.

5. Listing Airports for Use as Alternate Airports in C070 (Excluding Extended Operations (ETOPS) Alternates). Prior to HQ Rev 050 of C070 and the publication of this notice, previous versions of C070 required a certificate holder to maintain a list of alternate airports. Some certificate holders maintained an external list of alternate airports in a document, some listed airports in an in-house airport database, while others chose to use C070 to list those airports. The ability to keep a separate listing of alternate airports was based on a provision contained in 14 CFR part 119, § 119.49(a)(4)(i), that generally allowed a certificate holder to maintain a list of airports outside of the OpSpecs, provided the list was referenced in the OpSpecs. The provision was established to allow a certificate holder to submit a current list, which could be a computerized list of aircraft and regular airports. This is explained in the 1995 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to part 119 (refer to 60 FR 16230, Commuter Operations and General Certification and Operations Requirements). The NPRM explains that, at the time of its inception, the “current format and procedures for approving operations...does not allow use of computer printouts and can lead to excessively lengthy operations specifications.” As of the date of this notice, the current Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS) is a computerized system in which certificate holders list all other airports for use in scheduled operations. The ability to list these airports with relative ease in WebOPSS does away with any need for a separate listing of alternate airports outside of the OpSpecs. Therefore, for consistency with all of the other airports governed by C070, standardization of how airports are listed, and transparency in terms of which airports the certificate holder is authorized to use in schedule operations, it is FAA policy that certificate holders list all airports for use in scheduled operations in C070, including alternate airports. (This does not include ETOPS Alternates.)

a. For Part 121 Operations, a Certificate Holder May Use a Regular, Refueling, or Provisional Airport. For part 121 operations, a certificate holder may use any regular, refueling, or provisional airport as an alternate airport, provided the airport is authorized for the type of aircraft being used. There is no need to dually designate an airport as an alternate for a particular aircraft type, if that airport is already authorized as a regular, provisional, or refueling airport for that aircraft type.

b. For Part 135 Operations, a Certificate Holder May Use a Regular Airport. For part 135 operations, a certificate holder may use any regular airport as an alternate airport, provided the airport is authorized for the type of aircraft being used. There is no need to dually designate an airport as an alternate for a particular aircraft type, if that airport is already authorized for the type of aircraft being used.

6. Sample Templates.

- The sample OpSpec C070 template in Appendix A applies to part 121.
- The sample OpSpec C070 template in Appendix B applies to part 135.
- The sample OpSpec C070 template in Appendix C applies to part 121/135 combination certificates.

7. Action.

a. List Alternate Airports that Are Not Already Listed as Regular, Refueling, or Provisional Airport for the Type of Aircraft Being Used. As soon as possible, POIs must work with certificate holders to ensure they list the alternate airports for use in scheduled operations in C070. The airports must be listed no later than 6 calendar-months from the date of this notice. There is no need to dually list an airport as an alternate for a particular aircraft type, if that airport is already authorized as a regular, provisional, or refueling airport for that aircraft type. It is important to note that provisional and refueling airports do not apply to part 135 operations.

b. Issue C070, Rev 050. Within 6 calendar-months from the date of this notice, POIs of parts 121, 135, and/or 121/135 operators must issue the revised C070 template. The previous revision (Rev 04b for part 121 and Rev 04a for parts 135 and 121/135 certificates) will expire on January 27, 2019.

8. Disposition. The information in this notice has been incorporated into Order 8900.1. Direct questions or comments concerning this notice to the Air Transportation Division (AFS-200) at 202-267-8166.



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Appendix A. Sample OpSpec C070, Airports Authorized for Scheduled Operations: 14 CFR Part 121

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Operations Specifications

a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct scheduled passenger and cargo operations between the regular, refueling, and provisional airports listed in the table contained in this operations specification.

b. Alternate Airports.

(1) The certificate holder is authorized to use the alternate airports listed in the table contained in this operations specification.

(2) The certificate holder may use any regular, refueling, or provisional airport listed in the table of this operations specification as an alternate airport, provided it is authorized for the type of aircraft being used.

(3) The certificate holder may not use any airport as an alternate airport unless it is authorized for the type of aircraft being used, and meets the alternate airport requirements contained in 14 CFR part 121 subparts I and U.

c. The following definitions shall apply:

Regular Airport (R). An airport used by a certificate holder in scheduled operations and listed in this operations specification.

Refueling Airport (F). An airport approved as an airport to which flights may be dispatched for refueling.

Provisional Airport (P). An airport approved by the Administrator for use by a certificate holder for providing service to a community when the regular airport used by the certificate holder is not available.

Alternate Airport (A). An airport at which an aircraft may land if a landing at the intended airport becomes inadvisable.

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AIRPORTS		AIRCRAFT AUTHORIZED
Location	Provisional	

Appendix B. Sample OpSpec C070, Airports Authorized for Scheduled Operations: 14 CFR Part 135

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Operations Specifications

a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct scheduled passenger and cargo operations between the regular airports listed in the table contained in this operations specification.

b. Alternate Airports.

(1) The certificate holder is authorized to use the alternate airports listed in the table contained in this operations specification.

(2) The certificate holder may use any regular airport listed in the table contained in this operations specification as an alternate airport, provided it is authorized for the type of aircraft being used.

(3) The certificate holder may not use any airport as an alternate airport unless it is authorized for the type of aircraft being used, and meets the alternate airport requirements contained in 14 CFR part 135 subparts D and I.

c. The following definitions shall apply:

Regular Airport (R). An airport used by a certificate holder in scheduled operations and listed in this operations specification.

Provisional Airport (P). An airport approved by the Administrator for use by a certificate holder for providing service to a community when the regular airport used by the certificate holder is not available.

Alternate Airport (A). An airport at which an aircraft may land if a landing at the intended airport becomes inadvisable.

d. Provisional airports are not applicable to part 135 operations.

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AIRPORTS		AIRCRAFT AUTHORIZED
Location	Provisional	

Appendix C. Sample OpSpec C070, Airports Authorized for Scheduled Operations: 14 CFR Part 121/135

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Operations Specifications

a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct 14 CFR part 121 scheduled passenger and cargo operations between the regular, refueling, and provisional airports listed in the table contained in this operations specification.

b. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct 14 CFR part 135 scheduled passenger and cargo operations between the regular airports listed in the table contained in this operations specification.

c. Alternate Airports.

(1) The certificate holder is authorized to use the alternate airports listed in the table contained in this operations specification.

(2) Part 121 operations:

(a) The certificate holder may use any regular, refueling, or provisional airport listed in the table of this operations specification as an alternate airport, provided it is authorized for the type of aircraft being used and the kind of operation being conducted.

(b) The certificate holder may not use any airport as an alternate airport unless it is authorized for the type of aircraft being used, and meets the alternate airport requirements contained in part 121 subparts I and U.

(3) Part 135 operations:

(a) The certificate holder may use any regular airport listed in table contained in this operations specification as an alternate airport, provided it is authorized for the type of aircraft being used and the kind of operation being conducted.

(b) The certificate holder may not use any airport as an alternate airport unless it is authorized for the type of aircraft being used, and meets the alternate airport requirements contained in part 135 subparts D and I.

d. The following definitions shall apply:

Regular Airport (R). An airport used by a certificate holder in scheduled operations and listed in this operations specification.

Refueling Airport (F). An airport approved as an airport to which flights may be dispatched for refueling.

Provisional Airport (P). An airport approved by the Administrator for use by a certificate holder for providing service to a community when the regular airport used by the certificate holder is not available.

Alternate Airport (A). An airport at which an aircraft may land if a landing at the intended airport becomes inadvisable.

- e. Refueling and provisional airports are not applicable to part 135 operations.

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AIRPORTS		AIRCRAFT AUTHORIZED
Location	Provisional	