

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION National Policy



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SUBJ: AFS Certification Service Oversight Process (CSOP)

- **1. PURPOSE.** This order establishes the Certification Service Oversight Process (CSOP) as an information resource to assist Flight Standards (AFS) decisionmakers in the management of organizational and air agency certification applications.
- **2. DISTRIBUTION.** We will distribute this order to the Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety (AVS); to the branch level in the Washington headquarters AFS; to the program director, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Academy, and to the Regulatory Standards Division at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; to all regional administrators; to the branch level in the regional AFS divisions; and to all AFS field offices. We will also include this order in the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) application at www.fsims.avr.faa.gov.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Program Responsibilities.

- (1) The Flight Standards Certification and Surveillance Division, AFS-900, is responsible for the operation and continual improvement of the CSOP.
- (2) The Flight Standards Safety Analysis Information Center (FSAIC) Manager reports to the Director, Flight Standards Service, AFS-1, on CSOP matters. Responsibilities of the FSAIC Manager include, but are not limited to:
 - Establishing a decision support information system to support certification activities
 - Producing reports as requested by the Headquarters Division managers
 - Serving as an information resource for all Flight Standards managers
 - Reporting system changes and enhancements to all Flight Standards managers
 - Appointing a point of contact (POC) to administer the CSOP information system
 - (3) The FSAIC Manager, or other delegated person, will be the POC for field support.
- **b. Service Director Responsibilities.** The Director, Flight Standards, the Deputy Director, or any individual acting for the Director may approve all policy and guidance changes to the CSOP.
 - c. AFS Management Responsibilities. AFS management personnel are responsible for:
 - (1) Assuring adherence to established CSOP procedures.
 - (2) Assessment and justification of personnel required for each certification activity.

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- (3) Accuracy of submitted CSOP data.
- (4) Timely dissemination of the CSOP Organizational Preapplication Statement of Intent (PASI) Summary and the CSOP Repair Station PASI Summary.

NOTE: We may use CSOP data to support other AFS initiatives.

4. CSOP PROCEDURES. Inspectors must follow the procedures contained in the CSOP SharePoint Web site. Because of the unique nature of these procedures, we cannot publish them in their entirety in a printed order. You will find the full contents of this paragraph at: http://avssharepoint.faa.gov/afs/Teams/CSOP/default.aspx. The SharePoint site will reflect both the directive and paragraph numbers.

5. ACCESS TO CSOP PROGRAM SHAREPOINT WEB SITE.

- **a. Field Office Access.** Field Office management will approve access to their regional CSOP SharePoint Web site for each authorized employee by submitting the names and AVS user names to the CSOP POC.
- **b.** Regional Division Access. Regional Division management will approve access to their regional CSOP SharePoint Web site for each authorized employee by submitting the names and AVS user names to the CSOP POC.
- **c. Headquarters Access.** Headquarters Division management will approve access to the headquarters CSOP SharePoint Web site for each authorized employee by submitting the names and AVS user names to the CSOP POC.
- **d. Delegation of Authority.** Managers and supervisors may delegate this authority to personnel in accordance with standard procedures.
- **6. CSOP FEEDBACK.** We encourage all CSOP users to suggest enhancements to the procedures. All customer requests for changes to the CSOP program will be reviewed and answered by the CSOP POC. E-mail your feedback and any administrative or technical questions about this order to the CSOP POC at 9-awa-avs-afs-csop@faa.gov.

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