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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization
Aviation System Standards Policy

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SUBJ: Certification of Flight Inspection Personnel

- 1. Purpose of This Order.** This order establishes policy for the certification of flight inspection personnel in accordance with FAA Order 8200.1, United States Standard Flight Inspection Manual. It applies to Aviation System Standards (AVN) or military crewmembers responsible for performing the duties of certifying air navigation services and/or instrument flight procedures. This order provides standards for examining employee competence and issuing appropriate credentials that authenticate certification authority.
- 2. Audience.** This order is distributed to all flight inspection personnel in Aviation System Standards and associated military units.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Order?** You can find this order on Aviation System Standards' electronic document database.
- 4. What This Order Cancels.** This order cancels Order VN 8240.3A, Certification of Flight Inspection Personnel, dated May 6, 1998. Order VN200 4040.3B, Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluation Program, dated June 1, 2007, was canceled March 1, 2010, and replaced by TI 4040.57B, Flight Inspection Training Manual, dated March 1, 2010.
- 5. Explanation of Policy Changes.** This change clarifies the process used to designate the Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluator. It identifies new Flight Inspection Certification authorities for Limited, New Type Facility, and Special Mission. This change also incorporates organization name changes and position title changes following ATO realignment.
- 6. Designation of Authority and Flight Inspection Mission Certification.** The certification process grants flight inspection personnel the authority to carry out the administration's responsibility to ensure the satisfactory operation of air navigation facilities, services, and instrument flight procedures. This authority is in accordance with Order 8200.1, U.S. Standard Flight Inspection Manual, and applicable International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) documents.
- 7. Application of the Aviation System Standards Flight Inspection Program.**
 - a. The Director of Operations,** Flight Inspection Operations Group, is the approving authority for certification of Aviation System Standards and U.S. Military flight inspection personnel. The Director of Operations is also the approval authority for those individuals performing duties as Aviation System Standards Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluators.

b. The Standards Manager, Flight Inspection Operations Group, is responsible for the implementation, administration and program oversight for the Aviation System Standards Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluation Program. Aviation System Standards Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluators are assigned by letter of authority initiated by the Standards Manager for approval by the Director of Operations. These evaluators administer the Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluation Program in accordance with appropriate guidance. Their duties include administering Initial, Re-qualification, and Proficiency flight inspection evaluations and other quality evaluations as directed by the Standards Manager.

c. Flight Inspection Certification of Aviation System Standards Flight Inspection crewmembers. Airspace System Inspection Pilots and Airway Transportation Systems Specialists (Mission Specialists) will be recommended for certification following successful completion of all required training and successful mission evaluation by a Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluator.

The certification will be documented using FAA Forms 8000-5 and 8430-9. These certificates are approved and signed by the Director of Operations, Flight Inspection Operations Group. Certification documentation will be maintained in the aircrew record system and remain valid until suspended or revoked by the Director of Operations.

(1) Unrestricted certification grants the authority and responsibility to inspect all facilities and services covered in FAA Order 8200.1, United States Standard Flight Inspection Manual, as of the date of certification.

(2) Limited Certification. Personnel may be certified to inspect only some facilities or services. In these cases, the limitations must be clearly indicated on FAA Forms 8000-5 and 8430-9. Some examples of limitations are “Non-AFIS Inspection Only” and “GPS Non-Precision Only”. Removal of limitations will be through a separate evaluation by a Standardization Evaluator and issuance of new FAA Forms 8000-5 and 8430-9.

(3) New type facilities. The Director of Aviation System Standards will provide the authority to flight inspect new types of facilities and services as they are introduced to the National Airspace System (NAS). The Flight Inspection Operations Group determines specific training and qualifications required for inspection personnel while these programs are in development.

(4) Special Missions. Some navigation systems are deployed in limited numbers, require flight inspection equipment not in general use, or are in such unusual locations that it is impractical to train and certify all crewmembers for these “Special Missions.” The Flight Inspection Standards Manager will determine the requirements to certify crewmembers on these systems. The Director of Operations approves and designates those systems as Special Missions.

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