

NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: Review of Air Carrier Authorizations, Procedures & Training Programs for Terminal Area Operations in Uncontrolled Airspace

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice advises principal operations inspectors (POI) of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1 guidance changes concerning training for terminal area operations in uncontrolled airspace, to include the use of common traffic advisory frequencies (CTAF) and pilot controlled lighting (PCL) systems.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is the POIs responsible for the approval and surveillance of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 121 and/or part 135 air carrier authorizations, manuals and training programs. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards divisions and branches in the regions and in headquarters.

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>. Operators may find this information on the FAA Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>.

4. Background. There has been a recent increase in the number of incidents involving air carrier aircraft operating (taxi, take-off and landing) at night where flightcrews have failed to activate the airport PCL systems. The rising trend of these incidents indicates manuals and training programs should be reviewed to ensure that they sufficiently address airport PCL systems. In addition, the air carrier's authorization to conduct these operations may be incomplete or non-existent.

5. Guidance Change. Order 8900.1 has been amended to include a review of the carrier's training program before authorizing C064 or C080.

6. References (current editions):

- Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) 2-1-8, Pilot Control of Airport Lighting.
- AC 90-42, Traffic Advisory Practices at Airports without Operating Control Towers.
- AC 120-71, Standard Operating Procedures for Flight Deck Crewmembers.
- AC 120-74, Parts 91, 121, 125 and 135 Flightcrew Procedures During Taxi Operation.

7. Disposition. We will permanently incorporate the information in this notice into FSIMS before this notice expires. Direct questions concerning training activities to the Air Transportation Division, AFS-210, (202) 267-8262.

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