

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: OpSpec A001 for Part 129

1. Purpose of This Notice. This document provides notice of changes to operations specification (OpSpec) A001, Issuance and Applicability, and Reports, and its guidance for operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 129.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO), International Field Offices (IFO), International Field Units (IFU), principal operations inspectors (POI), principal maintenance inspectors (PMI), and principal avionics inspectors (PAI) with oversight responsibility for operators certificated under part 129. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards branches and divisions in the regions and in headquarters (HQ).

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 and the public can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>.

4. Changes. The International Programs and Policy Division (AFS-50) has created a new OpSpec A001 (for part 129). This new OpSpec A001:

- Adds a table for "Airports to be used for Scheduled Operations" (non-scheduled operators need to leave the table blank).
- Deletes "None" from the "ComboBox" for "DOT Economic Authority (Expiration)."
- Adds "application pending (Part 377 & APA)" as an additional selection to the ComboBox for "DOT Economic Authority (Expiration)."
- Deleted the table under subparagraph g(1)(f) and added, except for Special Interest Flights (SIF), written notice (e-mail or letter) to the responsible FSDO (IFO/IFU/FSDO) for non-scheduled flights, except for in urgent situations when a telephone notification may be made, followed as soon as possible by a written notification.
- Removes some of the repetition and unnecessary detail within the OpSpec. (The detail was moved to the guidance. For example, the detail relating to changes to OpSpec information and required reports.)
- Adds to subparagraph b(1) the text, "Annex 1, and Annex 6, Parts I and Part III, to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, as applicable."

- Removes subparagraph i, Pilot Age Requirements, and adds the following phrase to subparagraph b(1), “foreign air carriers operating U.S.-registered aircraft must ensure that flightcrew members comply with 14 CFR part 61, § 61.3.”
- Replaces “Assigned FAA Office” with “Responsible FSDO.”
- Replaces the non-scheduled flight notification method table with boiler plate language that specifies by when, to whom, and by which method a notification needs to be made.

5. Action. This is a mandatory change affecting principal inspectors (PI) with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpec A001. This action must be accomplished by the template expiration date associated with the previous revision of OpSpec A001 in the Web-based automated Operations Safety System (WebOPSS).

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into FSIMS before this notice expires. Direct questions concerning the information in this notice to the International Operations and Standardization Branch (AFS-52) at 202-385-8070.

for 

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f. All radio communications with the ATC system of the United States must use the appropriate call sign, as indicated in International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Doc 8585, or FAA Order JO 7340.2.

Authorized Radio Call Sign	ICAO 3-Letter Identifier
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g. If there are changes to any information in these FAA-issued operations specifications or to the basis upon which these operations specifications have been issued (e.g., foreign air carrier (company) ownership information), the foreign air carrier must notify the responsible FSDO in a form and manner acceptable to the FAA.

(1) For scheduled operations the foreign air carrier must use the following airports:

Airports to be used for Scheduled Operations				
Regular Terminal	Alternate	Alternate	Alternate	Technical/Refueling Stop
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(2) If the foreign air carrier plans on conducting a non-scheduled flight other than a Special Interest Flight (SIF), the air carrier shall provide the responsible FSDO with advance written notice (including by facsimile, e-mail, or paper document) of the operation. For urgent situations, a telephone notification to the responsible FSDO may be used, with a written notice sent as soon as possible.

(3) The foreign air carrier must provide prior notification of any wet lease or interchange operations conducted by the foreign air carrier to, from, or within the United States on behalf of other air carriers.

(4) The foreign air carrier must provide additional reports and notifications (e.g., the schedule and frequency of flights) *when requested by the FAA*.

h. Responsible FSDO:

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FAA Principal Inspector(s) Name/Title	Phone Number	Fax Number	E-mail Address
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