

# NOTICE

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**SUBJ:** OpSpecs A008, A009, and A010 for Part 129

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**1. Purpose of This Notice.** This document provides notice of changes to operations specifications (OpSpecs) A008, Operational Control; A009, Airport Aeronautical Data; A010, Aeronautical Weather Data; and their guidance for operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 129. OpSpecs A009 and A010 are now decommissioned.

**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 issued OpSpecs 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](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 Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>.

**4. Explanation of Changes.** The International Programs and Policy Division (AFS-50) has amended OpSpec A008 (for part 129). This amended OpSpec A008 combines information with that of OpSpecs A009 and A010. Within the amended A008:

- The OpSpec has been renamed to “Operational Control, Aeronautical Weather, and Airport Aeronautical Data (issued to IASA Category 2)”;
- The duplicative text has been removed;
- Detailed references to Annex 6 have been removed (will be in guidance); and
- The text within has been simplified/shortened.

**5. Action.** This is a mandatory change affecting principal inspectors (PI) with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs A008, A009, and A010, required to be issued only for operators from international aviation safety assessment program (IASA) Category 2 countries.

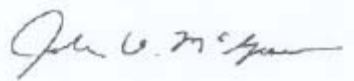
**a. OpSpec A004 Reissuance.** When issuing the amended A008 template, inspectors must also reissue OpSpec A004 and ensure that OpSpecs A009 and A010, if previously issued, have been archived.

**b. Manual Archival.** To manually archive OpSpec A009 or A010, inspectors must navigate to the Issued tab of the Authorizing Documents page in the Web-based automated Operations Safety System (WebOPSS). Click on the appropriate row to highlight A009 or A010 in the grid and click the Archive button below the grid. The inspector may need to scroll down to see the Archive button. The inspector will be prompted with a system message confirming their selection. Click "OK" to archive the issued document. Follow this step for both A009 and A010, as applicable.

**Note:** The inspector can only archive one authorizing document at a time.

**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 Standardization Branch (AFS-52) at 202-385-8070.

for



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**Appendix A. Sample OpSpec A008, Operational Control, Aeronautical Weather, and Airport Aeronautical Data (Issued to IASA Category 2), for Part 129**

The foreign air carrier's system to manage operational control, aeronautical weather data, and the airport aeronautical data system described below will be in accordance with ICAO Annex 6 (as amended) and has been accepted or approved by the foreign air carrier's State civil aviation authority.

- a. Operational control.

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- b. Aeronautical weather data.

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- c. Airport aeronautical data system.

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