

NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpecs C080 and C064 for Part 129

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) offices and inspectors with oversight responsibility for operators conducting airplane operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 129. This notice amends operations specification (OpSpec) C080, Terminal Area IFR Operations in Class G Airspace and at Airports without an Operating Control Tower for Scheduled Operations. It also incorporates information from OpSpec C064, Terminal Area IFR Operations in Class G Airspace and at Airports without an Operating Control Tower—Nonscheduled Passenger and All-Cargo Operations. This notice decommissions all C064 templates and amends all C080 templates.

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 conducting airplane operations 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 can find this notice on the FAA Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>.

4. Explanation of Policy Changes. The International Programs and Policy Division (AFS-50) has amended OpSpec C080 for part 129. This amended OpSpec C080 incorporates the information from OpSpec C064 and includes:

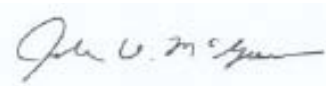
- The renaming of OpSpec C080 to Terminal Area IFR Operations in Class G Airspace and at Airports Without an Operating Control Tower;
- The placement of upfront common text, eliminating the previous duplication;
- The rephrasing of text into plain language;
- The addition of a selectable boilerplate text option for operators conducting scheduled operations; and

- The deletion of the table for airport, weather, traffic, and airport advisory service for scheduled operations.

5. Action. This is a mandatory change affecting principal inspectors (PI) with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs C080 and C064. When amending either OpSpec C080 or C064, the new C080 template needs to be used and the old C064 template, if previously issued, needs to be archived. This action must be accomplished by the template expiration date associated with the previous revision of C080 and C064 in the Web-based automated Operations Safety System (WebOPSS).

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1 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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**Appendix A. Sample OpSpec C080, Terminal Area IFR Operations in Class G
Airspace and at Airports Without an Operating Control Tower: 14 CFR Part 129**

a. The foreign air carrier is authorized to conduct these operations and to designate and use an alternate or diversionary airport, provided that at the time of any operation to that airport the foreign air carrier determines that:

- (1) The airport is served by an authorized instrument approach procedure (IAP);
- (2) The airport has an approved source of weather, and the latest forecasts and weather reports are available to the pilot(s);
- (3) The airport has a suitable means for the pilot in command to acquire timely air traffic advisories and the status of airport services and facilities; and
- (4) The facilities and services necessary to safely conduct instrument flight rules (IFR) operations are available and operational at the time of the particular operation.

b. Except as provided in operations specification paragraph C077, all turbojet and all large airplane operations in the terminal area are conducted under IFR.

(The following language is selectable text that must be selected for operators conducting scheduled operations, not template language.)

c. The foreign air carrier is authorized to conduct these operations when, at the scheduled time of operation, the airspace would have been Class D airspace, but because of ATC, weather, or mechanical delays, the flight arrives at a time when the controlled airspace is not operational, provided the foreign air carrier determines that the provisions specified in subparagraphs a(1) through (4) are met.