

NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpec A030, Part 121 Supplemental Operations

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate-holding district offices (CHDO) and principal operations inspectors (POI) assigned to certificate holders conducting airplane operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 121. This notice also announces a revision to operations specification (OpSpec) A030, Part 121 Supplemental Operations. The revision to A030 represents a mandatory template change.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is FAA CHDOs and POIs assigned to certificate holders conducting domestic and flag operations under part 121. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards divisions and branches 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>. Air carriers (operators) can find this notice on the FAA's Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Background. The Air Transportation Division (AFS-200) conducted a review of currently issued OpSpec A030 paragraphs. The review revealed several cases of certificate holders applying the provisions of A030 to alternate airports listed in OpSpec C070, Airports Authorized for Scheduled Operations. The language contained in OpSpec C070 clearly states that a certificate holder is authorized to conduct scheduled passenger and cargo operations between the regular, refueling, and provisional airports specified in the table contained in C070. Also, part 121, § 121.631(a) states that a certificate holder may specify any regular, provisional, or refueling airport, authorized for the type of aircraft, as a destination for the purpose of original dispatch or release. The intent of OpSpec A030 subparagraph b is to allow a certificate holder to apply the same rules as it would when conducting scheduled operations between regular, refueling, and provisional airports to nonscheduled (supplemental) flights it conducts between those same airports. In order to ensure compliance with the intent of OpSpec A030 and § 121.631(a), AFS-200 has added clarifying language to OpSpec A030, making it clear that a certificate holder may apply domestic or flag rules (as appropriate to the kind of operation being

conducted) to nonscheduled flights that it conducts between the regular, provisional, or refueling airports listed in its OpSpec C070.

5. Sample OpSpec A030 Template. A sample template of OpSpec paragraph A030 is in Appendix A. POIs should review the new template in its entirety to see all of the changes that have been made to the authorization.

6. Guidance. FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 3, Part A Operations Specifications—General, contains guidance on how to issue OpSpec A030.

7. Action. POIs must accomplish the following:

a. For Certificate Holders Currently Issued OpSpec A030. Revision 020 to A030 is a mandatory change. POIs will have 60 days from the date of this notice to issue the new template and archive the old one, which will expire 60 days from the date of this notice. Prior to issuing the new template, POIs must ensure that certificate holders comply with its authorization.

b. For Initial Authorization. For certificate holders applying for initial authorization of A030, follow the guidance contained in Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 3.

8. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning this notice to the Air Carrier Operations Branch (AFS-220) at 202-267-8166.

for



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Appendix A. Sample OpSpec A030, Part 121 Supplemental Operations

- a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct nonscheduled (supplemental) operations within the areas of en route operations specified in paragraph B050 of these operations specifications. Except as provided in subparagraphs b and c below, the certificate holder shall conduct nonscheduled operations in accordance with the regulations applicable to supplemental operations.
- b. The certificate holder may conduct nonscheduled operations between the regular, provisional, and refueling airports listed in paragraph C070 of these operations specifications in accordance with the regulations applicable to domestic operations or flag operations as appropriate to the kind of operation being conducted.
- c. The certificate holder may also conduct nonscheduled operations between the airports listed in paragraph C070 of these operations specifications in accordance with the regulations applicable to supplemental operations.