

# NOTICE

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**SUBJ:** OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B450, Sensitive International Areas

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate-holding district offices (CHDO) and principal operations inspectors (POI) assigned to operators conducting airplane operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 121, 125 (including the Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA) operators), 135 and program managers of 91, subpart K (91K). This notice announces a new operations specification (OpSpec), management specification (MSpec), and letter of authorization (LOA) B450 to address the reporting of operations in sensitive international areas.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is FAA CHDOs and POIs assigned to operators conducting flight operations under parts 121, 125 (including the LODA operators), 135, and 91K. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards divisions and branches in the regions and in headquarters.
- 3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** Inspectors can access this notice and related templates in the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.av.s.faa.gov>. Operators may find this information on the FAA Web site at: <http://fsims.faa.gov>.
- 4. Background.** The FAA needs to communicate vital and time-sensitive safety information regarding overflights and/or flights into foreign areas where potentially hostile situations exist. In order to provide such information to U.S. civil aviation operators in a direct and timely manner, the FAA must have operational points of contact (POC) and specific information regarding regulated entities' flight operations over and/or into these areas.
- 5. Who This Affects.** OpSpec B450 is a required paragraph issued to all 14 CFR parts 121, 125, 135, and 91K operators who operated outside of the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean.
- 6. Action.** POIs of all parts 121, 125 (including part 125 LODA holders), 135 and part 91K operators must review the new OpSpec B450 with their operators and complete the action as instructed below within 14 days of the publication date of this notice.

  - a. Review.** Review the current list of countries at the following internet Web address: [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/ifim/us\\_restrictions/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/ifim/us_restrictions/).

**b. Determine.** Determine if the operator has any authorized area of enroute operations, other than the B050 areas listed below. If yes, you must complete and issue the OpSpec B450.

- USA – The 48 contiguous United States and the District of Columbia.
- USA – The State of Alaska.
- USA – The State of Hawaii.
- Canada – Excluding Canadian minimum navigation performance specification (MNPS) airspace.
- Caribbean Sea – Including the island/nations and the Havana flight information region (FIR).

**c. Identify.** Identify whether the operator either overflies or operates into/out of any of the identified countries listed on the Web site above.

(1) If the operator *does not* operate into/out of or overfly a country listed on the Web site identified in subparagraph a above:

- Enter “N/A” in column 1, and do not fill in any other column in Table 1 of OpSpec B450;
- Complete Table 2.

(2) If the operator *does* operate into/out of or overfly a country listed on the Web site identified in subparagraph a above:

- List in OpSpec B450 the appropriate country in column 1 of Table 1;
- Choose the flight operation (overflight, or into/out of) in column 2;
- Choose the destination airport if the operator operates into/out of that country. If they only overfly, leave the column blank;
- Choose the frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, or less than 4 times a year); and
- Choose the type of operations (passenger, cargo, U.S. Government operations, or a combination) for the listed countries.

**d. Choose.** Choose the responsible persons (either management or operational control person(s)) and list those persons in Table 2 of the template. This contact must be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**e. Complete Within 14 Days.** It is critical that POIs complete this action within 14 days of the publication date of this notice because it is necessary to identify the volume of operations in these locations and/or provide real-time awareness of emerging threats and critical crisis management information directly to operators that could impact their safety of flight operations.

**f. Periodic Review.** Operators and POIs should review the list of countries every 3 months for any changes and be cognizant of any Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) that may add a country to the list, amended or issue OpSpec/MSpec/LOA B450 as appropriate. Should a sensitive country be added to the B050 the operator must notify the controlling FSDO within 72 hours of intended operation. The B450 will be amended to reflect the change.

**Note:** The Web site will be modified to allow operators to sign up for e-mail notification of changes using GovDelivery. When GovDelivery is activated the operator will not have to conduct the 3-month review of the Web site.

**7. Guidance.** This notice contains the following:

- Sample OpSpec B450 template in Appendix A applies to parts 121, 125 and 135.
- Sample MSpec B450 template in Appendix B applies to part 91 subpart K.
- Sample LOA B450 template in Appendix C applies to part 125 LODA holders.

**8. Disposition.** We will permanently incorporate the information in this notice to FSIMS before this notice expires. Direct all questions or comments concerning this notice to the Air Transportation Division, AFS-200, at 202-267-8166.

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### Appendix A. Sample OpSpec Paragraph B450, Sensitive International Areas, 14 CFR Parts 121, 125, 135

a. Sensitive International Areas. The FAA identified a need to communicate vital and time-sensitive safety information regarding overflights and/or flights into certain sensitive international areas. Review the list of countries identified at the following Web address: [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/ifim/us\\_restrictions/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/ifim/us_restrictions/). Enter into Table 1 the country, the flight operation (overflight, or into/out of), the destination airport if applicable, the frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, less than 4 times a year) as well as the type of operations (passenger, cargo, U.S. Government) for the listed countries, *excluding* operations in the following countries: United States, Bahamas, Canada, and Cuba. The certificate holder will review the list of countries on the FAA Web site at least every 3 months and change Table 1 accordingly.

**Table 1 – Country/Areas and Authorizations**

Country	Overflight or Flight Into/Out of	Destination Airport (if applicable)	Frequency of Operations (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, less than 4 times a year)	Type of Operations (passenger, cargo, U.S. Government)

b. Responsible Persons. In order for the FAA to immediately communicate time-sensitive safety information that could impact the safety of your flight operations, enter into Table 2 the primary points of contact for a management person or operational control organization that has the ability to contact an aircraft inflight and is responsible for the international flight operations listed in Table 1. This contact will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Table 2 – Responsible Persons**

Person(s)/ Organization	Organization/ Person(s) Title	Phone Number	Email Address

**Appendix B. Sample MSpec Paragraph B450, Sensitive International Areas,  
14 CFR Part 91 Subpart K**

a. Sensitive International Areas. The FAA identified a need to communicate vital and time-sensitive safety information regarding overflights and/or flights into certain sensitive international areas. Review the list of countries identified at the following Web address: [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/ifim/us\\_restrictions/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/ifim/us_restrictions/). Enter into Table 1 the country, the flight operation (over or into/out of), the destination airport if applicable, the frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, less than 4 times a year) as well as the type of operations (passenger, cargo, U.S. Government) for listed countries, *excluding* operations in the following countries: United States, Bahamas, Canada, and Cuba. The program manager will review the list of countries on the FAA Web site at least every 3 months and change Table 1 accordingly.

**Table 1 – County/Areas and Authorizations**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Overflight or Flight Into/Out of</b>	<b>Destination Airport (if applicable)</b>	<b>Frequency of Operations (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, less than 4 times a year)</b>	<b>Type of Operations (passenger, cargo, U.S. Government)</b>

b. Responsible Persons. In order for the FAA to immediately communicate time-sensitive safety information that could impact the safety of your flight operations, enter into Table 2 the primary point of contact for a management person or operational control organization that has the ability to contact an aircraft inflight and is responsible for the international flight operations listed in Table 1. This contact will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Table 2 – Responsible Persons**

<b>Person(s)/ Organization</b>	<b>Organization/ Person(s) Title</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Email Address</b>

**Appendix C. Sample LOA B450, Sensitive International Areas, 14 CFR Part 125  
Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA)**

**Letter of Authorization  
Sensitive International Areas**

a. Sensitive International Areas. The FAA identified a need to communicate vital and time-sensitive safety information regarding overflights and/or flights into certain sensitive international areas. Review the list of countries identified at the following Web address: [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/ifim/us\\_restrictions/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/ifim/us_restrictions/). Enter into Table 1 the country, the flight operation (over or into/out of), the destination airport (if applicable), as well as the frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, less than 4 times a year) and type of operations (passenger, cargo, U.S. Government) over or into/out of the listed countries, *excluding* operations in the following countries: United States, Bahamas, Canada, and Cuba. The operator will review the list of countries on the FAA Web site at least every 3 months and change Table 1 accordingly.

**Table 1 – County/Areas and Authorizations**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Overflight or Flight Into/Out of</b>	<b>Destination Airport (If applicable)</b>	<b>Frequency of Operations (Daily, Weekly, Monthly, quarterly, less than 4 times a year)</b>	<b>Type of Operations (passenger, cargo, U.S. Government)</b>

b. Responsible Persons. In order for the FAA to immediately communicate time-sensitive safety information that could impact the safety of your flight operations, enter into Table 2 the primary point of contact information for an operations officer/person or an e-mail address/phone messaging system. This contact method will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and will be monitored continuously.

**Table 2 – Responsible Persons**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Email Address</b>