

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Industry Produced Standardized International Aircraft Ground Deicing Program, Winter 2008-2009

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides guidance and information to aviation safety inspectors (ASI) about the industry produced Standardized International Aircraft Ground Deicing Program (SIAGDP), Winter 2008 – 2009. SIAGDP is an acceptable method of compliance for outsourcing of aircraft ground deice services at foreign locations as referenced in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Notices, N 8900.26, Outsourcing of (Third Party Provider) Aircraft Ground Deicing, and N 8900.33, Adjustment of Compliance Date for Review of Outsourcing of (Third Party Provider) Aircraft Ground Deicing at Foreign Locations.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) and certificate management office (CMO) ASIs who are responsible for the approval/review and surveillance of aircraft ground deicing programs (at foreign locations) under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 121, § 121.629(c). The secondary audience includes Flight Standards branches and divisions in the regions and in headquarters.

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Operators and the public may find this information at: <http://fsims.faa.gov>.

4. Background.

a. N 8900.26, effective December 18, 2007, restated the FAA policy on air carrier outsourcing of aircraft ground deicing services and directed ASIs to review their assigned air carrier's approved ground deicing program to verify that it was in accordance with that policy. In accordance with N 8900.26, if an ASI found that an air carrier's approved deicing program or outsourced aircraft ground deicing service authorization was not in accordance with current FAA policy, the ASI was required to request that the air carrier submit a plan and schedule for bringing the affected service providers into compliance within 90 days of discovery.

b. Discussions with industry representatives had raised significant operational concerns about complying with this contract ground deice service provider requirement at foreign locations within the 90-day time period. After reviewing their concerns, the FAA issued N 8900.33, effective February 20, 2008, to extend FAA policy compliance at foreign locations to October 1, 2008. Industry representatives with FAA facilitation, held numerous meetings to

discuss and develop a means to standardize this compliance requirement. The SIAGDP was developed for operators not electing or not able to use their own § 121.629(c) aircraft ground deice program at foreign locations. An Aeronautical Telecommunications Network (ATN) broadcast was hosted by AFS-200 to provide background, discussion, and guidance on this program for inspectors responsible for approval/review and surveillance of aircraft ground deicing programs. This ATN broadcast was recorded and is available on FAA Video-To-You Web site.

5. Action.

a. ASIs charged with the approval and surveillance of an air carrier's approved aircraft ground deicing programs at foreign locations that missed the ATN Broadcast should access and view the FAA Intranet Video-to-You recorded viewing of International Aircraft Ground Deicing Service Providers Winter 2008-2009 Update at:
<http://www.academy.faa.gov/intranet/vod/default.asp>.

b. The PowerPoint presentation used for this broadcast and a copy of the latest version (August 2008) of the SIAPGDP, along with the listing of the air carriers assuming audit responsibility for various foreign locations and the Air Transportation Association sanctioned aircraft ground deicing facility auditors can be accessed at:
http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/deicing/

6. Disposition. We will not incorporate this information in this notice to FSIMS. Direct questions concerning this notice to Cliff Fiscus, Air Carrier Operations Branch, AFS-220, via email at cliff.g.fiscus@faa.gov or via phone at, 202-493-5286 or Jerry Ostronic, Air Carrier Operations Branch, AFS-220, via email at jerry.c.ostronic@faa.gov or via phone at, 412-262-9034, ext. 301.

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