

# NOTICE

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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**SUBJ:** Amend OpSpec C051 for Part 129

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**1. Purpose of this notice.** This document 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) C051, Terminal Instrument Procedures.

**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 Service (AFS) 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 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](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices).

**4. Explanation of Policy Changes.** The International Programs and Policy Division (AFS-50), together with the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400), has amended OpSpec C051 for part 129 as follows:

- Nautical miles (NM) were deleted from table 2 (visibility is not reported in NM).
- Added the following Runway Visual Range (RVR) conversion: 1400 feet = 450 meters.

**5. Action.** This is a nonmandatory change affecting principal inspectors (PI) with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs for part 129. OpSpec C051 will need to be reissued in accordance with Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 2 (refer to paragraph 3-711 for inspector guidance on nonmandatory changes).

**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 Branch (AFS-52) at 202-385-8070 or the Flight Operations Branch (AFS-410) at 202-385-4743.

for 

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## Appendix A. Sample OpSpec Paragraph C051, Terminal Instrument Procedures: 14 CFR Part 129

a. The foreign air carrier shall conduct terminal instrument operations using the procedures and minimums specified in these operations specifications, provided one of the following conditions is met:

(1) The terminal instrument procedure used is prescribed by these operations specifications;

(2) The terminal instrument procedure used is prescribed by Title 14 Code of the Federal Regulations part 97, Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; or

(3) At authorized U.S. military airports, the terminal instrument procedure used is prescribed by the U.S. military agency operating the airport.

b. Lower than standard takeoff minimums exercised by the foreign air carrier as described in these operations specifications shall not be less than those lower than standard takeoff minimums that are authorized by the foreign air carrier's regulatory authority.

c. The foreign air carrier shall use the following conversion tables to convert any takeoff and landing minimum expressed in the metric linear measurement system to the U.S. standard linear measurement system.

**Table 1**

<b>RVR Conversion</b>	
<b>Feet</b>	<b>Meters</b>
300 ft	75 m
400 ft	125 m
500 ft	150 m
600 ft	175 m
700 ft	200 m
1000 ft	300 m
1200 ft	350 m
1400 ft	450 m
1600 ft	500 m
1800 ft	550 m
2000 ft	600 m
2100 ft	650 m
2400 ft	750 m
3000 ft	1000 m
4000 ft	1200 m
4500 ft	1400 m
5000 ft	1500 m
6000 ft	1800 m

**Table 2**

<b>Meteorological Visibility Conversion</b>	
<b>Statute Miles</b>	<b>Meters</b>
¼ sm	400 m
3/8 sm	600 m
1/2 sm	800 m
5/8 sm	1000 m
3/4 sm	1200 m
7/8 sm	1400 m
1 sm	1600 m
1 1/8 sm	1800 m
1 ¼ sm	2000 m
1 ½ sm	2400 m
1 ¾ sm	2800 m
2 sm	3200 m
2 ¼ sm	3600 m
2 ½ sm	4000 m
2 ¾ sm	4400 m
3 sm	4800 m