

NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpec A030, Supplemental Operations by a Certificate Holder Authorized to Conduct Domestic or Flag Operations

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides notification of a mandatory revision to the template for operations specification (OpSpec) A030, Supplemental Operations by a Certificate Holder Authorized to Conduct Domestic or Flag Operations.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate-holding district offices (CHDO) and principal operations inspectors (POI) assigned to certificate holders who are authorized to conduct Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 121 domestic, flag, and supplemental operations. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards Service (AFS) 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.** Currently, OpSpec A030, HQ Rev 030, allows a certificate holder who is authorized to conduct part 121 domestic, flag, and supplemental operations to apply domestic or flag rules when conducting supplemental operations between airports listed in the certificate holder's OpSpec C070, Airports Authorized for Scheduled Operations. Therefore, under the current A030 authorization, a certificate holder could apply domestic or flag flight and duty rules (as applicable) to a flight that would otherwise be conducted in accordance with supplemental flight and duty rules. As of January 4, 2014, 14 CFR part 117, Flightcrew Member Duty and Rest Requirements, is in effect. In accordance with part 117, all part 121 passenger operations must be conducted in accordance with part 117 flight and duty requirements regardless of the kind of operation (domestic, flag, or supplemental). Accordingly, the Air Transportation Division (AFS-200) has revised OpSpec A030 to align with part 117 requirements.
- 5. Sample OpSpec A030 Template.** A sample template of OpSpec paragraph A030, HQ Rev 040, is in Appendix A.

6. Action. Revision 040 to A030 is a mandatory change. POIs must issue the new template and archive the old one no later than January 4, 2014.

7. Existing Nonstandard Authorizations. POIs may not reissue any existing nonstandard text (TEXT 99) authorizations to OpSpec A030. Any existing or new nonstandard authorizations to OpSpec A030 will require review and approval by AFS-200. For information on obtaining HQ approval to issue a nonstandard OpSpec authorization, refer to FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 2.

8. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning this notice to the New Program Implementation Branch (AFS-240) at 202-267-8166.

for 

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Appendix A. Sample OpSpec A030, Supplemental Operations by a Certificate Holder Authorized to Conduct Domestic or Flag Operations: 14 CFR Part 121

- a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct supplemental operations within the areas of en route operations specified in paragraph B050 of these operations specifications.
- b. The certificate holder may conduct supplemental 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 and as appropriate to the kind of operation being conducted.
- c. The certificate holder may also conduct supplemental operations between the airports listed in paragraph C070 of these operations specifications in accordance with the regulations applicable to supplemental operations.
- d. When conducting part 121 passenger-carrying operations, the certificate holder must comply with the flight and duty requirements of 14 CFR part 117 for all flights, regardless of whether the kind of operation is domestic, flag, or supplemental.