

# NOTICE

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**SUBJ:** Designated Related Aircraft in Part 121

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice is a supplement to Notice N 8900.286, Part 121 Training Program Review, which required principal operations inspectors (POI) to conduct a focused program review of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 121 - approved training programs.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is the POI responsible for the oversight of certificate holders conducting part 121 operations using designated related aircraft. The secondary audience includes other Flight Standards Service (AFS) personnel in certificate-holding district offices (CHDO), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) branches and divisions in the regions, and headquarters (HQ) AFS personnel.
- 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. Background.** On March 9, 2015, AFS published N 8900.286, which required POIs to conduct a focused program review of part 121 approved training programs to identify and correct part 121 training programs that included credit between airplanes with different type certificates (TC) without an approved related aircraft designation and approved related aircraft deviations, if applicable. In response to N 8900.286, all certificate holders seeking a related aircraft designation(s) and related aircraft deviation(s), if applicable, in accordance with § 121.418(b), should have already submitted their request to the POI.
- 5. Discussion.** As a result of N 8900.286, there have been numerous inquiries regarding the implementation timeframe for the related aircraft deviations. Additionally, there have been inquiries specific to operation of the Boeing 757 and Boeing 767 with regard to the pairing requirement in § 121.438(b) and the high minimums landing requirement in § 121.652.
- 6. Action.** POIs of certificate holders conducting part 121 operations using designated related aircraft must notify the certificate holder of the following:

**a. Implementation.** After AFS-200 approval of a related aircraft deviation(s), the certificate holder is expected to implement each deviation immediately. However, a certificate holder may have circumstances specific to their operations and procedures that impact the timeframe of the implementation of a specific provision(s).

**b. Delayed Implementation.** A certificate holder may request delayed implementation based on acceptable justification specific to their operations and procedures, such as a crewmember recordkeeping system reconfiguration. Delayed implementation should only be applied to a provision(s) that has acceptable justification. Any provision(s) that is not impacted by specific circumstances should be implemented without delay. Due to the specific circumstances at each certificate holder, the timeframe to complete a delayed implementation will vary among certificate holders. The timeframe must be appropriate to the justification, as determined by the POI, but must be completed no later than 12 calendar-months after the issuance of this notice.

**c. Implementation Plan.** Within 60 days of issuance of this notice, the certificate holder must submit an implementation plan acceptable to the POI that includes a timeline of actions to implement each provision and correct procedures related to pairing and high minimums landing requirements, if applicable. The certificate holder should provide the POI with periodic reports on the progress of the implementation plan throughout the process.

**7. Disposition.** We will not 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 Air Transportation Division (AFS-200) at 202-267-8166.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Barbagallo". The signature is written in a cursive style with some horizontal strokes.

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