

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: OpSpec D108, Maintenance Program—Continuous Airworthiness—
U.S.-Registered Airplanes, for Part 129

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice decommissions all Operations Specifications (OpSpecs) D108, Maintenance Program—Continuous Airworthiness—U.S.-Registered Airplanes, for Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 129 templates. This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) offices and inspectors with oversight responsibility for operators conducting airplane operations under part 129.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is International Field Offices (IFO), principal inspectors (PI), and aviation safety inspectors (ASI) who issue OpSpecs to operators conducting operations under part 129 with U.S.-registered aircraft. The secondary audience includes certificate-holding district offices (CHDO) (including Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) and certificate management offices (CMO)), regional Flight Standards division (RFSD) managers, and headquarters (HQ) policy divisions.

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>. 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. Explanation of Policy Changes. The International Programs and Policy Division (AFS-50) together with the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400) have decommissioned OpSpec D108 for part 129.

a. Decommissioned OpSpec D108. D108 was used and intended to identify the maintenance program that the FAA has reviewed and approved for any foreign air carrier or foreign person authorized to operate a U.S.-registered aircraft in Special Areas of Operations (SAO) where a Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) is applied. On July 20, 2016, the FAA revised 14 CFR part 91 appendix G, removing the requirement to review and approve RVSM maintenance programs.

Note: The associated D108 job aid has been removed from the guidance tab in the Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS).

b. FAA Order 8900.1. The inspector guidance in Volume 12, Chapter 2, Section 6, for D108 was amended to indicate: DECOMMISSIONED.

5. Action. This is a mandatory change affecting PIs with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs for part 129. OpSpec D108 will need to be manually archived and OpSpec A004, Summary of Special Authorizations and Limitations, reissued. This action must be accomplished within 120 days of the effective date of this notice or at such a time that A004 is being reissued (e.g., when authorizing a new optional OpSpec), whichever occurs first.

6. Disposition. The information contained in this notice has been incorporated into Order 8900.1. Direct your questions or comments concerning this notice to the International Operations Branch (AFS-50) at (202) 267-0962.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Barbagallo', with a stylized, cursive script.

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