

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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National Policy

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SUBJ: FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 4, Section 1, Paragraph 12-436, Special Purpose Pilot Authorizations (§ 61.77), Policy Change

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) offices and aviation safety inspectors (ASI) responsible for the issuance of Special Purpose Pilot Authorizations (SPPA) under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is International Field Offices (IFO), principal inspectors (PI), and ASIs who issue SPPAs under part 61, § 61.77. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards divisions and branches.

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website 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 website 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 Program Division is amending ASI guidance in FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 4, Section 1, Special Purpose Pilot Authorizations and Flight Engineer and Flight Navigator Certificates (Sections 61.77 and 63.23), subparagraphs 12-436B1) and 2) by deleting the following statement: "The applicant must be a citizen of, or have a resident status in, the lessee's State." This change is supported by § 61.77, Special Purpose Pilot Authorization: Operation of a Civil Aircraft of the United States and Leased by a Non-U.S. Citizen.

5. Background. In October 2018, an IFO contacted the International Operations Branch stating that they have three pilot applications for SPPAs with a request for processing them as soon as possible. None of the pilots are residents or citizens of the lessee's State. All pilots meet all remaining requirements for SPPA issuance. Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 4, Section 1, Paragraph 12-436, Special Purpose Pilot Authorizations (§ 61.77), currently requires that a pilot applicant be a citizen of or have a resident status in the lessee's State. Section 61.77 does not require a foreign pilot applicant for an SPPA to be a citizen of or have a resident status in the lessee's State.

6. Action. PIs with responsibility for the issuance of SPPAs under § 61.77 may issue an SPPA to a foreign pilot applicant who is not a citizen of or does not have resident status in the lessee's State.

7. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 3 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning this notice to the International Operations Branch (AFS-52) at (202) 267-0962.



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