

# NOTICE

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

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**SUBJ:** OpSpec D079, Reliability Program Contractual Arrangement Authorization

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) personnel regarding the decommissioning of the operations specification (OpSpec) D079 template available for operators conducting airplane operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 121 and 135.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards Safety Assurance offices' aviation safety inspectors (ASI). The secondary audience includes the Safety Standards offices.
- 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](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](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices).
- 4. Background.** The available historical data going back to the 1990s showed that the latest use of OpSpec D079 was terminated in 2012, with only five ever being issued. In 2017, an informal survey was conducted of a sampling of air carriers that have a Reliability Program (OpSpec D074) and, therefore, would be eligible to offer their program in a contractual arrangement with another certificated air carrier. The result was several negative responses to the prospect of this contractual arrangement, citing various reasons. Based on the available data, and no apparent desire of eligible air carriers to offer their program in a contractual arrangement, the Flight Safety Standard's Aircraft Maintenance Division is decommissioning OpSpec template D079 and related guidance.
- 5. Action.** This change should have no affect since the OpSpec is not currently issued to any air carriers. Therefore, no action is necessary as a result of decommissioning OpSpec D079. Principal inspectors (PI) may choose to provide this notice to the operators for whom they are responsible.

**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 Aircraft Maintenance Division at 202-267-1675 or at 9-AWA-AFS-300-Maintenance@faa.gov.



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