

NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpec C052, Straight-in Non-Precision, APV, and Category I Precision Approach and Landing Minima – All U.S. Airports

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces a non-mandatory change to operations specification (OpSpec) C052 for foreign air carriers operating under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 129. It also announces a revision of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1 policy guidance associated with OpSpec C052.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is International Field Offices (IFO), Principal Operations Inspectors (POI), Principal Maintenance Inspectors (PMI), and Principal Avionics Inspectors (PAI) with oversight responsibility for operators issued OpSpecs under part 129. The secondary audience includes all Flight 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. Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <https://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Air carriers (operators) can find this notice on the FAA's website at <https://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Explanation of Policy Changes. The International Program Division, together with the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, has amended part 129 OpSpec C052 and will amend the inspector guidance in Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 4, Section 4, Part 129 Part C Operations Specifications—Airplane Terminal Instrument Procedures and Airport Authorizations and Limitations, by removing references to the approaches no longer available in U.S. airspace.

a. OpSpec C052. The following options have been removed from OpSpec C052:

(1) From the Nonprecision Approach Procedures Without Vertical Guidance column in Table 1, Authorized Instrument Approach Procedures:

- “or GPS,”
- “ASR,”
- “AZI,”

- “AZI/DME,”
- “AZI/DME/BC,”
- “RNAV (GNSS),” and
- “VOR/DME RNAV.”

(2) From the Approaches With Vertical Guidance (APV) column in Table 1:

- “RNAV (GNSS),”
- “SDF with glideslope,” and
- “LOC BC with glideslope.”

(3) From the selectable text for subparagraph b(4): “RNAV (GNSS)” and “...or GPS.”

b. Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 4, Section 4. The following will be removed from the guidance:

(1) Subparagraph c)1)c:

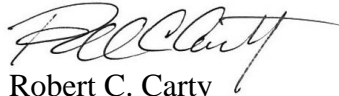
“VOR/distance measuring equipment (DME) RNAV approaches will continue to be identified as VOR/DME RNAV RWY [Number] (e.g., VOR/DME RNAV RWY 24). VOR/DME RNAV procedures which can be flown by GPS will be annotated with “or GPS” (e.g., VOR/DME RNAV or GPS RWY 24).”

(2) References to:

- “or GPS,”
- “ASR,”
- “AZI,”
- “AZI/DME,”
- “AZI/DME/BC,”
- “RNAV (GNSS),”
- “VOR/DME RNAV,”
- “SDF w/glideslope,” and
- “LOC BC w/glideslope.”

5. Action. This change to OpSpec C052 affects principal inspectors (PI) with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs for part 129. (Note: C052 does not apply to the part 129, § 129.14 set of templates.) All PIs will review the guidance in this notice and take appropriate action to ensure compliance in accordance with this notice. For foreign air carriers issued OpSpec C052 with any of the removed approach procedures referenced, PIs should reissue OpSpec C052 to remove these references from Table 1 and, where applicable, from subparagraph b(4) by reselecting this revised subparagraph.

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 4, Section 4 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the International Program Division, International Operations Branch at 202-267-0962.



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