

# NOTICE

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

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**SUBJ:** Decommissioning OpSpec/MSpec B059, Canadian MNPS Airspace

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**1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice announces the decommissioning of the template for Operations Specification (OpSpec)/Management Specification (MSpec) B059, Canadian MNPS Airspace, for Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 135, 121/135, and 91 subpart K (part 91K).

**2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards Safety Assurance offices' and International Field Offices' (IFO) aviation safety inspectors (ASI). The secondary audience includes the Safety Standards and Foundational Business 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 <https://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Operators can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) website at <https://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/orders\\_notices](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices).

#### **4. Background.**

**a.** The FAA originally provided OpSpec/MSpec B059 for part 135 operators who intended to conduct operations in the Special Area of Operation (SAO) known as Canadian Minimum Navigation Performance Specification Airspace (C-MNPS), but were not planning operations in North Atlantic High Level Airspace (NAT HLA), formerly North Atlantic Minimum Navigation Performance Specifications (NAT MNPS). Part 135 operators were authorized to operate in C-MNPS via OpSpec B059, and by adding C-MNPS as an authorized area of en route operations to the operator's OpSpec B050, Authorized Areas of En Route Operations, Limitations, and Provisions. Title 14 CFR parts 121 and 125 operators were not issued B059, and instead were authorized by adding C-MNPS to the operator's OpSpec B050. Operations in areas of magnetic unreliability (AMU) in and near C-MNPS were, and continue to be, authorized separately.

**b.** A review of the Web-based Operations Safety System (WebOPSS) revealed that a few part 91K operators also had been issued MSpec B059. B059 had been developed only for part 135 operators, but a discrepancy was noted in FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 4, Chapter 1, Section 5, Safety Assurance System: Special Navigation Areas of Operation, that allowed B059

to be issued to part 91K operators. We revised the discrepant guidance, published in 8900.1 CHG 718, dated August 18, 2020.

**5. Discussion.** After the decommissioning of OpSpec/MSpec B059, parts 135 and 91K operators will be authorized to operate in C-MNPS airspace by adding “Canadian MNPS Airspace” to OpSpec/MSpec B050. This process will be consistent with the manner in which parts 121 and 125 operators are currently authorized to operate in C-MNPS. Consequently, there is no longer a need to maintain B059 as a separate authorization. The part 135 OpSpec, part 121/135 OpSpec, and part 91K MSpec templates for B059 are hereby decommissioned.

**6. Action.**

**a. Discontinue Issuing B059 OpSpec/MSpec Authorizations.** Effective with this notice, inspectors should discontinue authorizing C-MNPS via B059 part 135 OpSpec, part 121/135 OpSpec, and part 91K MSpec B059. Instead, use OpSpec B050, per paragraph 5 above.

**b. Inform Applicable Operators.** Inspectors should, as time permits and by any means available, inform all applicable operators under their purview, including operators who have submitted part 135 OpSpec, part 121/135 OpSpec, and part 91K MSpec B059 applications or who are known to be preparing such applications, of the decommissioning of B059. This should include advising the operators that you will update their OpSpec/MSpec A004, Summary of Authorizations, to remove B059 and that their issued B059 will be archived.

**c. Update and Reissue OpSpecs/MSpecs A004 and B050.** Inspectors need not request that part 135, part 121/135, and part 91K operators surrender their OpSpec/MSpec B059. Within 1 year of the effective date of this notice, inspectors should update and reissue affected part 135, part 121/135, and part 91K operators’ A004 to reflect the removal of B059 and archive the issued B059. Inspectors should also reissue OpSpec/MSpec B050 removing B059 from the Reference Paragraphs associated with the Canadian MNPS Airspace Authorized Area.

**d. Reissue Part 135 OpSpec B055, As Applicable.** Part 135 OpSpec B055 revision 000 referenced OpSpec B059 in the limitations and provisions of the OpSpec. Nonmandatory revision 00a to the part 135 B055 template has removed the reference to B059. Inspectors should reissue B055 to affected part 135 certificate holders to remove the reference to the decommissioned B059.

**7. Disposition.** We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400) at 202-267-8790.



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