NOTICE

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SUBJ: Aircraft Listed on Letter of Deviation Authority J552

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces clarification to guidance in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 1, Section 10, Use of Aircraft Type Certificated in the Restricted Category for Pilot Flight Training and Testing.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards (FS) aviation safety inspectors (ASI) and designated examiners who conduct type rating practical tests in restricted category aircraft. The secondary audience includes personnel working in the Regulatory Support Division (AFS-600), Civil Aviation Registry Division (AFB-700), and General Aviation Safety Assurance divisions.

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, the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at https://fsims.avs.faa.gov, and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at https://drs.faa.gov. Operators and the public can find this notice on the FAA's website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices, FSIMS at https://fsims.faa.gov, and the DRS.

4. Background. The FAA discovered that, in certain circumstances, pilot flight training and testing were conducted incorrectly. A review of issued Letters of Deviation Authority (LODA) J552, Restricted Category Civil Aircraft Type Rating Training, Testing, and Checking Limitations, revealed that some were issued incorrectly by listing experimental aircraft in Table 1, Restricted Category Civil Aircraft Authorized, of the paragraph. Additionally, a review revealed that, in some cases, inspectors and examiners were conducting type rating practical tests in restricted category aircraft that do not have an established type rating.

5. Guidance. Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 1, Section 10 contains the guidance for issuing LODA J552. The purpose of LODA J552 is to authorize pilot flight training and testing in aircraft type certificated in the restricted category, in accordance with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 91, § 91.313(h). The following paragraphs will be included to clarify the requirements:

a. Applicability. LODA J552 is only applicable to restricted category aircraft, in accordance with § 91.313. Experimental aircraft do not meet the same requirements; therefore, they are not to be listed in LODA J552.

b. Type Certificate Data Sheet (TCDS). Prior to listing an aircraft in Table 1, an inspector must verify that the serial number is listed on the applicable approved TCDS. Many former military aircraft are sold to civilian operators for use; as a result, the TCDS is continually changing and being updated. Contact the responsible Aircraft Certification Service office with questions regarding approved serial numbers and TCDS documents.

c. Type Rating. The inspector must verify that a pilot type rating has been established for the type certificate holder (TCH) of that aircraft prior to adding it to Table 1. To verify if there is a specific type rating established for the TCH of the aircraft to be used, the inspector must review Figure 5-88, Pilot Certificate Aircraft Type Designations – Airplane and Helicopter, at https://registry.faa.gov/TypeRatings/Type_Rating_Table.pdf. If the TCH is not listed in Figure 5-88, then the aircraft must not be added to LODA J552.

> **Note:** There are several TCHs for similar former military aircraft (e.g., CH-47); however, these TCHs do not share a common type rating.

6. Action. Assigned Operations ASIs must conduct audits of all LODA J552 paragraphs. Inspectors who identify experimental category aircraft, aircraft not listed on an approved TCDS, or restricted category aircraft not associated with a specific type rating for that TCH must initiate a change to the paragraph to remove those aircraft. Since the FAA granted the approval, ASIs should work with certificate holders (CH) to bring them into compliance with as little disruption to operations as possible. For aircraft that do not have a specific type rating, the TCH should contact the Aircraft Evaluation Division (AFS-100) to request an evaluation.

7. Safety Assurance System (SAS) Activity Recording (AR) Input. Within 90 days of the effective date of this notice, assigned Operations ASIs must enter activity code 1380 in SAS AR for each issued LODA J552 to record accomplishment of the actions directed in paragraph 6. In the "National Use" field, enter "N8900.605".

8. 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 General Aviation and Commercial Division (AFS-800), Training and Certification Group (AFS-810) at 202-267-1100.



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