

# NOTICE

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

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### National Policy

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**SUBJ:** OpSpec C081, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures, for Foreign Air Carriers

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**1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice announces a mandatory change to Operations Specification (OpSpec) C381, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures, for foreign air carriers operating under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 129. It also announces revised Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1 policy guidance associated with the change. The part 129 C381 has been decommissioned and replaced with part 129 OpSpec C081, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures. The OpSpec C081 will allow International Flight Offices (IFO) to issue and amend the OpSpec without requesting the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400) and the International Program Division (AFS-50) to concur on each OpSpec approval.

**2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is IFOs, Principal Operations Inspectors (POI), Principal Maintenance Inspectors (PMI), and Principal Avionics Inspectors (PAI) with oversight responsibility for foreign air carriers issued OpSpecs under part 129. The secondary audience includes all Safety Standards employees.

**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) and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at <https://drs.faa.gov>. Operators and the public can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) website at [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/orders\\_notices](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices) and DRS.

**4. Explanation of Policy Changes.** AFS-50, together with AFS-400, in order to standardize across 14 CFR parts, has revised the part 129 OpSpec C381 nonstandard template by moving the special instrument and RNAV flight procedures authorization to a standard C081 template, and has updated 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

**a. OpSpecs C381 and C081.**

(1) Decommissioned the part 129 OpSpec C381 template and released OpSpec C081 for foreign air carriers.

**Note:** The part 129 OpSpec C081 template, titled “Special Non-14 CFR Part 97 Instrument Approach or Departure Procedures,” was decommissioned in 2010 with the introduction of the nonstandard C381. This notice reinstates C081 as a standard template with mandatory revision number 010.

(2) Removed subparagraphs b, c, and d. The “Additional Authorizations” and “Special Limitations or Provisions” language that appeared in subparagraphs c and d of the C381 template has been omitted from C081.

**b. Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 4, Section 4.**

(1) Deleted guidance for C381, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures.

(2) Added guidance for C081, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures.

**Note:** The primary change from C381 to C081 was to switch from a nonstandard to a standard template and remove the need for principal inspectors (PI) to obtain joint AFS-50 and AFS-400 concurrence for OpSpec issuance.

**5. Guidance.** This notice contains the sample OpSpec C081 template in Appendix A, which applies to part 129.

**6. Action.** The template revisions and guidance changes related to replacing OpSpec C381 with C081 affect PIs with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs for part 129. (Note: C381/C081 does not apply to the “129.14” set of templates.) Part 129 PIs will review the revised Order 8900.1 guidance and this notice and take appropriate action.

**a. For PIs Whose Foreign Air Carriers Are Issued C381.** PIs whose foreign air carriers are issued C381 must:

(1) Archive OpSpec C381 and issue OpSpec C081 before this notice expires.

(2) Enter the authorizations in C381 Table 1, Authorized Airports, Procedures, and Airplanes(s), into C081 Table 1. If there are no changes to the information, then OpSpec C081 may be issued with no additional documentation needed from the foreign air carrier.

(3) Reissue OpSpec A004, Summary of Special Authorizations and Limitations, when issuing C081 and archiving C381.

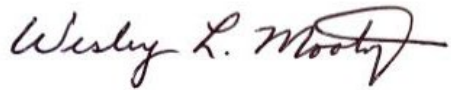
**b. For Foreign Air Carriers Not Issued C381.** For foreign air carriers not issued C381, their A004 must be reissued to replace the authorization statement associated with the decommissioned C381 with that of the C081.

**7. Disposition.** We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 4, Section 4 before this notice expires. Direct any questions or comments

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concerning the information in this notice to the International Operations Branch (AFS-52) at 202-267-0962.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Wesley L. Mooty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Wesley L. Mooty  
Acting Deputy Executive Director, Flight Standards Service

**Appendix A. Sample OpSpec C081, Special Instrument and RNAV Visual Flight Procedures: 14 CFR Part 129**

a. The foreign air carrier is authorized to conduct special instrument approach procedure (IAP), departure procedure (DP), Standard Terminal Arrival (STAR), and Area Navigation (RNAV) Visual Flight Procedure (RVFP) operations, specified by airport and procedure name, as listed in Table 1 of this operations specification.

**Table 1 – Authorized Airports, Procedures, and Airplane(s)**

<b>Airport Identifier (ICAO)</b>	<b>Procedure Name, ORIG or AMDT NO.</b>	<b>Airport State</b>	<b>Airplane M/M/S</b>	<b>Limitations and Provisions</b>