

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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National Policy

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Cancellation Date:
7/31/24

SUBJ: FAA-Approved Deicing Program for Winter 2023–2024

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides inspectors with information on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-approved deicing program for Winter 2023–2024. This notice is designed to be used in conjunction with the FAA Holdover Times (HOT), Degree-Specific Holdover Times (DSHOT), Regression Data, and Allowance Time Guidelines for Winter 2023–2024.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards (FS) Safety Assurance offices' Principal Operations Inspectors (POI) responsible for approving an air carrier's deicing program. The secondary audience includes the Office of Safety Standards.

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 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 and DRS.

Note: The FAA HOT Guidelines for Winter 2023–2024 and related documents can be found on the Air Transportation Division's (AFS-200) Aircraft Ground Deicing web page at https://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/deicing.

4. Cancellation. This notice cancels Notice N 8900.636, Revised FAA-Approved Deicing Program Updates, Winter 2022–2023, dated August 2, 2022.

5. Applicable Regulations. Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 121, § 121.629(c); part 125, § 125.221(b)(3); or part 135, § 135.227(b)(3) permit persons to dispatch, release, or take off an aircraft in ground icing conditions, provided they have an approved ground deicing/anti-icing program that meets the requirements of § 121.629(c). In lieu of the regulatory requirements above, potential alternative procedures approved by the Administrator are permitted under §§ 125.221(b)(2) and 135.227(b)(2) or pre-takeoff contamination checks are permitted under §§ 121.629(d), 125.221(b)(1), and 135.227(b)(1).

6. Changes (Additions, Updates, and Deletions). Deicing program-related information and guidance documents are being restructured. Starting in 2023, the annual FAA-approved deicing program notice is being drastically reduced. Information contained in previous versions of this

notice now resides in the General Information Document, located on the Aircraft Ground Deicing web page. Changes to the HOTs and related documents can now be found in the Summary of Changes to Holdover Time Guidelines and Associated Documents for Winter 2023–2024 document, also located on the Aircraft Ground Deicing web page.

7. POI Action.

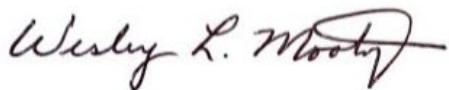
a. HOT Guidelines. POIs should recommend that the applicable HOTs and guidance be incorporated into the operator’s procedures or programs.

b. Safety Assurance System (SAS) Data Collection Tool (DCT). The POI will create and may complete or assign another designated aviation safety inspector (ASI) to complete a Custom DCT (C DCT), utilizing Master List of Functions (MLF) Element Design DCT (ED DCT) 6.4.2 (OP) Operations in Ground Icing to assess the certificate holder’s (CH) aircraft ground deicing/anti-icing program submission.

- (1) Enter “Ground Icing 23-24” in the “Custom DCT Name” field.
- (2) Record this notice number in the “Local/Regional/National” field.
- (3) Select the “Design” radio button.
- (4) Ensure that “Yes” is selected for “Requires Own Assessment?”
- (5) Leave the “LRN Locked?” checkbox unchecked.

c. Additional Surveillance and Action. The POI is required to determine if additional surveillance is required or further air carrier action is necessary to address the potential increased risk. Possible additional actions may include retargeting the Comprehensive Assessment Plan (CAP) to include accomplishing appropriate Design Assessments (DA) or Performance Assessments (PA), convening a System Analysis Team (SAT), or reevaluating air carrier approvals or programs.

8. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice or in FAA documents referenced in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1 or other appropriate guidance before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to AFS-200 at 202-267-8166 or 9-AFS-200-Correspondence@faa.gov.



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