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SUBJ: OpSpec C063, Area Navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Terminal Operations

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces a nonmandatory revision to operations specification (OpSpec) C063 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, Flight Standards Information Management System, policy guidance associated with this revision to OpSpec C063.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is the International Field Office (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 Office of Safety Standards (OSS) 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 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.

4. Guidance. This notice contains the sample OpSpec C063 template in Appendix A, which applies to part 129.

5. Explanation of Policy Changes. The International Program Division (AFS-50), together with the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400), has revised the part 129 OpSpec C063 template and Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Part 129 Part C Operations Specifications—Airplane Terminal Instrument Procedures and Airport Authorizations and Limitations, inspector guidance as follows:

a. OpSpec C063, Area Navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Terminal Operations.

- (1) Amended the title of the OpSpec.
- (2) Added Required Navigation Performance (RNP).

Note: Currently there are two airports in the United States (Hartsfield-Jackson, Atlanta International Airport, and John Wayne Airport, Orange County, California) that have an instrument departure procedure using RNP 1. It is expected that there may be more in the future.

(3) Deleted the “Software Part/Version/Revision Number” column in Table 1, Airplane, RNAV System(s), Navigation Specification(s).

(4) Added a “Navigation Specification(s)” column in Table 1 with the following dropdown list options:

- (a) RNAV 1.
 - (b) RNP 1.
 - (c) RNAV 1 and RNP 1.
- (5) Combined subparagraphs a and b.
- (6) Deleted subparagraphs c and d.

Note: International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 6, Part I, International Commercial Air Transport — Aeroplanes, paragraph 4.2.1.3 states that “the issue of an air operator certificate by the State of the Operator shall be dependent upon the operator demonstrating an adequate organization, method of control and supervision of flight operations, training programme as well as ground handling and maintenance arrangements consistent with the nature and extent of the operations specified.” Paragraph 4.2.1.4 states that “the continued validity of an air operator certificate shall depend upon the operator maintaining the requirements of 4.2.1.3 under the supervision of the State of the Operator.”

b. Order 8900.1, Volume 12, Chapter 4, Section 4, Part 129 Part C Operations Specifications—Airplane Terminal Instrument Procedures and Airport Authorizations and Limitations. In the guidance for OpSpec C063:

- (1) Removed the definition for “Tailored Arrivals.”
- (2) Deleted a reference to the “Software Part/Version/Revision Number” column in Table 1.
- (3) Added “RNP 1” where appropriate.

6. Action. This nonmandatory revision to the part 129 OpSpec C063 template and revised Order 8900.1 guidance affects principal inspectors (PI) with responsibility for the issuance, amendment, and oversight of OpSpecs for part 129 (OpSpec C063 does not apply to the § 129.14 set of templates). All PIs will review the guidance in this notice and take appropriate action to ensure compliance. When reissuing OpSpec C063 with the new template revision, PIs must

re-enter all information that is still relevant in Table 1. PIs must also reissue OpSpec A004, Summary of Special Authorizations, Limitations and Restrictions.

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 questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the International Operations Branch (AFS-52) at 9-awa-avs-afs-050@faa.gov.



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Appendix A. Sample OpSpec C063, Area Navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigation Performance (RNP) Terminal Operations: 14 CFR Part 129

a. The foreign air carrier is authorized to conduct instrument flight rules (IFR) Area Navigation (RNAV) 1 and/or Required Navigation Performance (RNP) 1 departure procedures (DP) and Standard Terminal Arrival Routes (STAR) published in accordance with 14 CFR Part 97 using the eligible airplane(s) and in accordance with the limitations and provisions listed in Table 1 of this operations specification.

Table 1 – Airplane, RNAV System(s), Navigation Specification(s)

Airplane M/M/S	RNAV System(s)			Limitations and Provisions
	Manufacturer	Model/HW Part	Navigation Specification(s)	