

# NOTICE

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

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### National Policy

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**SUBJ:** Decommissioning of OpSpec/LOA A042, Authorization for 14 CFR  
Part 125/135 Aircraft Operations Without a Deicing/Anti-Icing Procedure

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**1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice announces the decommissioning of operations specification (OpSpec)/Letter of Authorization (LOA) A042. This notice contains guidance that is pertinent to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 125, § 125.221 and part 135, § 135.227.

**2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards Safety Assurance offices' who have oversight of 14 CFR parts 125, 135, and 121/135 operators (including part 125 Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA) holders). 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) 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. Background.** OpSpec/LOA A042 states that the part 125 or 135 ground deicing rule does not apply to operators who do not operate in ground icing conditions and relieves any requirement to develop pretakeoff procedures and/or develop any training related to icing conditions. Sections 125.221 and 135.227, both titled "Icing Conditions: Operating Limitations," provide specific requirements and provisions related to ground and in-flight operations where icing is or expected to be present. Although OpSpec/LOA A042 is currently used to grant relief from ground deicing rules, analysis of §§ 125.221 and 135.227 shows the language in these regulations to be sufficiently comprehensive. Therefore, OpSpec/LOA A042 is unneeded.

**5. Guidance.** The following sections of FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Operations Specifications, and Volume 3, Chapter 27, Ground Deicing/Anti-Icing Programs, have been updated to remove policy and guidance associated with the issuance of OpSpec/LOA A042:

- Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 3, Part A Operations Specifications—General.
- Volume 3, Chapter 27, Section 1, General.
- Volume 3, Chapter 27, Section 2, Approval of Parts 121, 125, and 135 Procedures.

**6. Action.** The decommissioning of OpSpec/LOA A042 affects principal inspectors (PI) with oversight of parts 125, 135, and 121/135 certificate holders (CH) and part 125 LODA holders.

**a. Archive/Reissue.** Within 30 days of the issuance of this notice, PIs will:

- Archive OpSpec/LOA A042 and notify operators affected by this approval.
- Reissue OpSpec/LOA A004, Summary of Special Authorizations and Limitations/Summary of Authorizations, without the A042 authorization.

**b. Remove/Reissue.** For parts 125, 135, and 121/135 CHs and part 125 LODA holders that do not have OpSpec/LOA A042 issued, PIs are encouraged to reissue OpSpec/LOA A004 at their earliest convenience to remove the authorizing statement associated with the decommissioned A042.

**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 Air Transportation Division (AFS-200) at 202-267-1675 or via email at 9-AFS-200-Correspondence@faa.gov.



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