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SUBJ: Clarification of OpSpec/MSpec/LOA H122 and OpSpec/MSpec H123
Guidance with Regards to Rotorcraft Required Navigation Performance
(RNP) 0.3 Operations

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice clarifies guidance for approval of Operations Specification (OpSpec)/Management Specification (MSpec)/Letter of Authorization (LOA) H122, Special Instrument Procedures for Rotorcraft Operations, and OpSpec/MSpec H123, Class I Navigation Using Area or Long-Range Navigation Systems with Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) for Rotorcraft Required Navigation Performance (RNP) 0.3 En Route and Terminal Operations, for operators conducting rotorcraft operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 91, 91 subpart K (part 91K), and 135, and for 14 CFR part 121/135 combined certificate holders (CH). This notice contains information that is administrative in nature.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice are operators, Flight Standards (FS) Safety Assurance (SA) principal inspectors (PI), and designees with oversight responsibilities for 14 CFR parts 91, 91K, 121/135 combined CHs, and 135. The secondary audience includes FS personnel in 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 Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.
- 4. Background.** A recent internal audit of existing helicopter authorizations identified a significant number of CHs/program managers who were authorized special instrument procedures containing RNP 0.3 components on their current OpSpec/MSpec H122 but who did not have an accompanying OpSpec/MSpec H123 authorization to allow RNP 0.3 operations. A further review of existing guidance identified the need to clarify and emphasize both the applicability of OpSpec/MSpec H123 and the requirement for the authorization itself.
- 5. Explanation of Policy Changes.** This notice informs the operational facilities of a revision to guidance in FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 7, Part H Helicopter Terminal Instrument Procedures and Airport Authorizations and Limitations, governing the authorization of helicopter special procedures and RNP 0.3 operations.

a. OpSpec/MSpec H123. Guidance for OpSpec/MSpec H123 is amended to revise the purpose paragraph as follows:

“**A. Purpose.** This authorization is applicable to operators conducting operations under 14 CFR parts 91K, 121/135, and 135. The OpSpec/MSpec H123 templates are used to authorize an operator to conduct Class I navigation for all RNP 0.3 rotorcraft operations.”

b. OpSpec/MSpec/LOA H122. Guidance for OpSpec/MSpec/LOA H122 is amended to revise the additional requirements paragraph as follows:

“**H. Additional Requirements.** The following OpSpecs/MSpecs may also be required for the authorization of some special procedures:

1) OpSpec/MSpec H102, H112, H113, H121, and/or H123.

a) OpSpec/MSpec H102, Basic Instrument Approach Procedure Authorizations—All Airports. Title 14 CFR parts 91K, 121/135, and 135 CHs/program managers must be issued OpSpec/MSpec H102. The ‘type’ of approach procedure authorized in OpSpec/MSpec H122 (e.g., Area Navigation (RNAV) (Global Positioning System (GPS)) must also be authorized in OpSpec/MSpec H102.

b) OpSpec/MSpec H112, Instrument Approach Operations Using an Area Navigation System. Title 14 CFR parts 91K, 121/135, and 135 CHs/program managers may require an H112 authorization.

c) OpSpec/MSpec H113, Special Terminal Area IFR Rotorcraft Operations in Class G Airspace—Nonscheduled Passenger and All-Cargo Operations. Title 14 CFR parts 91K, 121/135, and 135 CHs/program managers may require an H113 authorization.

d) OpSpec/MSpec H121, Special Terminal Area IFR Rotorcraft Operations in Class G Airspace—Scheduled Passenger Operations. Title 14 CFR parts 91K, 121/135, and 135 CHs/program managers may require an H121 authorization.

e) OpSpec/MSpec H123, Class I Navigation Using Area or Long-Range Navigation Systems with Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) for Rotorcraft Required Navigation Performance (RNP) 0.3 En Route and Terminal Operations. Title 14 CFR parts 91K, 121/135, and 135 CHs/program managers may require an H123 authorization prior to issuance of the OpSpec/MSpec/LOA H122 authorization.

2) Example. Table 3-28, Additional Authorizations for OpSpec/MSpec/LOA H122 Operators, shows a matrix of rotorcraft additional authorizations. OpSpec/MSpec H102 is required because it authorizes the ‘type of procedure’ requested by OpSpec/MSpec H122. The ‘may be required’ authorizations are based on the ‘type of operation’ sought along with the procedure. Authorizations are not permitted for those parts with an ‘NA.’

Table 3-28. Additional Authorizations for OpSpec/MSpec/LOA H122 Operators

NOTE: The table below provides a visual depiction of additional authorizations that are required, may be required, or are not applicable.

Rotorcraft					
	H102	H112	H113	H121	H123
91	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
91K	R	*	*	*	*
121/135	R	*	*	*	*
135	R	*	*	*	*

R – Required

* – May Be Required

NA – Not Applicable”

6. Action.

a. Identify Required RNP 0.3 Operations and Ensure Eligibility for OpSpec/MSpec H123. FS SA PIs are advised to carefully review their operators’ current OpSpec/MSpec H122 specification(s) (if applicable), to determine if any of the approved special procedures require RNP 0.3 operations, and if so, to ensure that the operator meets the requirements for issuance of the OpSpec/MSpec H123 specification.

b. Issue OpSpec/MSpec H123. Within 90 days of this notice, FS SA PIs should determine the need and issue the corresponding OpSpec/MSpec H123 if required.

7. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following service units: the Office of General Aviation Safety Assurance (GASA) and FS.

8. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 7 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400) at 202-267-8790.



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