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An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

Subject: ICAO guidance on Certified True Copy of the Air Operator Certificate

Purpose: This InFO supersedes InFO 06003, dated 11/17/06. It describes the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) requirement to carry a certified true copy of the air operator certificate (AOC) on board any aircraft operated internationally.

Background: ICAO adopted Amendment 30 to Annex 6, Part I and Amendment 11 to Annex 6 Part III. These amendments which were applicable on, November 23, 2006, state “An aeroplane or helicopter shall carry a certified true copy of the air operator certificate specified in 4.2.1, and a copy of the authorizations, conditions, and limitations relevant to the aeroplane or helicopter, issued in conjunction with the certificate.”

Discussion: The purpose of these ICAO standards is for a state’s regulatory authorities to be able to determine, during inspections, such as ramp inspections, which state has responsibility for regulatory oversight of the aircraft’s operations, and to ascertain the extent of any conditions or limitations attached to the AOC.

To meet these new standards, U.S. operators engaged in international operations must carry onboard a “certified true copy” of their Air Carrier Certificate and the associated authorizations, conditions, and limitations.

Guidance: Operators should review the ICAO guidance at the following website:
http://www.icao.int/fsix/Library/Annex6_AOC.pdf.

Recommended Action: Each operator that conducts international operations should ensure they are in compliance with the above ICAO standard to carry onboard “a certified true copy” of their AOC with the associated “authorizations, conditions, and limitations”.