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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: Use of Corrective Lenses and Possession of a Spare Set of Lenses

Purpose: This InFO clarifies the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) requirements for use of corrective lenses and the possession of a spare set of lenses.

Background: Part 67 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), requires that pilots wear corrective lenses while flying if prescribed. These same regulations **do not require** pilots to carry a spare set of corrective lenses while flying. However, ICAO Annex 1 to the Chicago Convention (Personnel Licensing) **do require** that pilots carry a spare set of corrective lenses while flying in international or foreign airspace. Pilots who fly internationally should be aware that some foreign aviation civil authorities, as part of their ramp inspections, are checking pilots to ensure that they have a spare set of corrective lenses in their possession. If a pilot does not have a spare set of lenses, they will not be allowed to fly.

Recommended Action: Pilots who require corrective lenses should carry a spare set of lenses for use within the US and they must carry a spare pair of lenses while flying internationally.

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