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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:** Continued Airworthiness of Aircraft Operated in Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Airspace

**Purpose:** This InFO reminds aircraft operators holding RVSM authorization of the requirement to maintain their aircraft in accordance with their approved RVSM maintenance program.

**Discussion:** An operator must submit an approved RVSM maintenance program when applying for RVSM authorization. Once this program is authorized, the operator is required to maintain their aircraft in accordance with that program.

Maintenance providers have reported to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that operators requesting maintenance on aircraft used in RVSM operations often do not provide them with adequate documentation. In some cases, operators appear unaware of their responsibility to ensure maintenance is conducted in accordance with their approved RVSM maintenance program. This may lead to maintenance being performed not in accordance with the operator's approved RVSM maintenance program.

**Recommended Action:** Operators holding RVSM authorization should review their RVSM maintenance program. Federal regulations require that the program be approved and that the operator be authorized to use it. Approval will be indicated on the program by the date and signature of an authorized FAA representative. Operators should provide a copy of their program, and instructions to follow that program, to maintenance providers when services are requested. Operators should review maintenance records when accepting an aircraft after the completion of maintenance to ensure that the applicable provisions of their RVSM maintenance program have been followed.

Operation of an aircraft in RVSM airspace that has not been maintained in accordance with its approved RVSM maintenance program is contrary to the provisions of the operator's RVSM authorization and may be considered a violation of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR).

**Contact** Questions or comments regarding this InFO should be directed to the Aircraft Maintenance Division, AFS-300, at (202) 267-1675.