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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: Supplemental Passenger Restraint Systems (SPRS) for “Doors-Off” Flight Operations Conducted for Compensation or Hire

Purpose: This InFO serves to inform Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 91 and Part 135 operators of the procedure for obtaining a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for use of an SPRS for “Doors-Off” flight operations conducted for compensation or hire.

Discussion: On March 26, 2018, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published the “Doors-off” and “Open-door” Flight Prohibition: Emergency Restriction/Prohibition Order, Docket No. FAA-2018-0243, 83 FR 12856 (“the Order”), which prohibits the use of SPRS that cannot be released quickly in an emergency during flight operations for compensation or hire with the doors opened or removed (Doors-Off flight operations). On March 23, 2018, the FAA issued notice N 8900.456, Emergency Order of Prohibition Pertaining to “Doors-Off” Flight Operations for Compensation or Hire. This notice was canceled and superseded by notice N 8900.457, Emergency Order of Prohibition Pertaining to “Doors-Off” Flight Operations for Compensation or Hire, effective 04/10/2018. On July 8, 2019, the FAA cancelled N 8900.457 and issued Order 8900.4 Emergency Order of Prohibition Pertaining to “Doors Off” Flight Operations for Compensation or Hire, which provides guidance for resumption of doors-off flights for compensation or hire. This Order is available to the public at:

https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices/index.cfm/go/document.information/documentID/1036230.

Recommended Action: Part 91 and part 135 operators should familiarize themselves with this InFO and Order 8900.4.

Contact: Questions or comments regarding this InFO should be directed to the Air Transportation Division’s Policy Integration Branch at (202) 267-8166.