

How to Apply for Part 129 Operations Specifications (OpSpecs)

In order for a foreign air carrier to provide transportation of passengers or property for compensation to or from the United States, you must obtain safety authority from the Federal Aviation Administration in addition to other types of approvals or authorizations.

1. In order to apply for part 129 OpSpecs, your country (State) must have been given a rating of 1 by the FAA's International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program. If your State has been given an IASA rating of 1, you may apply for part 129 OpSpecs. See State IASA ratings [here](#).
2. Any foreign air carrier that wishes to provide commercial services in foreign air transportation to or from the United States must obtain "economic" authority from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Please see this [website](#) to apply for economic authority.
3. Foreign air carriers may be required to have a Security Program from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Please see this [website](#) for a description of the security programs and contact information.
4. Please contact the applicable [International Field Office](#) to apply for part 129 OpSpecs. Check the "Service Area" for the IFO with responsibility for your State. You may download and fill out a [part 129 Foreign Air Carrier Preapplication Job Aid](#). Providing this job aid to the IFO will give the IFO some basic information regarding your proposed operation and may expedite your application.

Other references

- [14 CFR Part 129](#)
- [Advisory Circular 129-4A - Maintenance Programs for U.S. Registered Aircraft Operated Under 14 CFR Part 129](#)
- [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)