NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpecs/MSpecs/LODA D073, Approved Inspection Program

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides revised guidance for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate-holding district offices (CHDO), principal maintenance inspectors (PMI), and principal avionics inspectors (PAI) assigned to operators conducting aircraft operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 91subpart K (91K); part 125, including Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA) holders (part 125M); and part 135. This notice amends all operations specification (OpSpec)/management specification (MSpec)/letter of authorization (LOA) D073 templates for operators conducting airplane operations under parts 91K, 125, 125M, and 135. This is a mandatory change to OpSpec/MSpec/LOA D073.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is FAA CHDOs, PMIs, and PAIs assigned to operators conducting aircraft operations under parts 91K, 125, 125M, and 135. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards Service (AFS) branches and divisions in the regions and in headquarters (HQ).

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices. You can also access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at http://fsims.avs.faa.gov. Air carriers and operators can find this notice on the FAA's Web site at http://fsims.faa.gov. The notice is available to the public at http://faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices/.

4. Explanation of Changes. After receiving notice from the field about unclear guidance in FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 6 for issuing OpSpec/MSpec/LOA D073, Aircraft Maintenance Division (AFS-300) revised the guidance and the four templates for D073. The guidance now addresses the four different applications of D073 for parts 91K, 125, 125M, and 135. We also changed the templates by standardizing Table 1 requirements and changing the language used in the template to better reflect the regulatory language used in each applicable part of the regulation.

5. Action. This is a mandatory change affecting (Airworthiness) principal inspectors (PI) responsible for issuing and amending OpSpec/MSpec/LOA D073. PIs should provide this notice to the operators for whom they are responsible. The revision to D073 is mandatory, with a compliance date of 60 days from the template control date.

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1 before the notice expires. Direct questions concerning the information in this notice to the Aircraft Maintenance Division (AFS-300) at 202-267-1684.



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Appendix A. Sample MSpec MD073, Approved Inspection Program: 14 CFR Part 91K

a. The program manager is authorized under 14 CFR part 91, § 91.1109(b) to use the Approved Aircraft Inspection Program in Table 1 provided:

(1) Each aircraft listed in Table 1 is inspected in accordance with that program.

(2) The program is in writing and derived from one of the programs listed under § 91.1109(b).

(3) The program includes at least instructions and procedures for the conduct of inspections for the particular make and model of aircraft, including necessary tests and checks. The instructions and procedures must set forth in detail the parts and areas of the airframe, engines, propellers, rotors, and appliances, including survival and emergency equipment required to be inspected.

(4) The program includes a schedule for performing the inspections that must be accomplished under the inspection program expressed in terms of the time in service, calendar time, number of system operations, or any combination thereof.

(5) The program includes the name and address of the person responsible for scheduling the inspections required by the inspection program.

(6) The program is made available to the person performing inspections on the aircraft and, upon request, to the Administrator.

(7) Each person desiring to establish or change an approved inspection program under this section must submit the inspection program for approval to the Flight Standards District Office that issued the program manager's management specifications.

Table 1 – Aircraft on Approved Inspection Program

Aircraft Registration Number	Aircraft Serial Number	Aircraft M/M/S	Approved Aircraft Inspection Program Document Name	Approved Aircraft Inspection Program Revision Number

Appendix B. Sample OpSpec D073, Approved Inspection Program: 14 CFR Part 125

a. The certificate holder is authorized under 14 CFR part 125, § 125.247(a)(3) to use the approved inspection program identified in Table 1 provided:

(1) Each airplane listed in Table 1— including its airframe, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, and survival and emergency equipment, and their component parts—is inspected in accordance with that program.

(2) The program includes instructions, procedures, and standards for the conduct of inspections for the particular make and model of airplane listed in Table 1, including necessary tests and checks. The instructions and procedures must set forth, in detail, the parts and areas of the airframe, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, avionics, and survival and emergency equipment required to be inspected.

(3) The program includes a schedule for the performance of inspections that must be performed under the program and expressed in terms of the time in service, calendar time, number of system operations, or any combination of these.

(4) The engine overhaul periods are specified in the program.

(5) The certificate holder includes the program in its manual. Reference § 125.73(n) and § 125.249(a)(3).

(6) The approved inspection program is approved by the managing Flight Standards District Office.

Table 1 – Aircraft on Approved Inspection Program

Airplane Registration Number	Airplane Serial Number	Airplane M/M/S	Approved Airplane Inspection Program Document Name	FAA Program Approval Date

Appendix C. Sample LOA D073, Approved Inspection Program: 14 CFR Part 125 LODA Holder (125M)

a. The operator/company is authorized under 14 CFR part 125, § 125.247(a)(3) to use the approved inspection program identified in Table 1 provided:

(1) Each airplane listed in Table 1—including its airframe, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, and survival and emergency equipment, and their component parts—is inspected in accordance with that program.

(2) The program includes instructions, procedures, and standards for the conduct of inspections for the particular make and model of airplane listed in Table 1, including necessary tests and checks. The instructions and procedures must set forth, in detail, the parts and areas of the airframe, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, avionics, and survival and emergency equipment required to be inspected.

(3) The program includes a schedule for the performance of inspections that must be performed under the program and expressed in terms of the time in service, calendar time, number of system operations, or any combination of these.

(4) The engine overhaul periods are specified in the program.

(5) The certificate holder includes the program in its manual. Reference § 125.73(n) and § 125.249(a)(3).

Table 1 – Aircraft on Approved Inspection Program

Airplane Registration Number	Airplane Serial Number	Airplane M/M/S	Approved Airplane Inspection Program Document Name	FAA Program Approval Date

Appendix D. Sample OpSpec D073, Approved Aircraft Inspection Program: 14 CFR Part 135

a. The certificate holder is authorized under 14 CFR part 135, § 135.419 to use the Approved Aircraft Inspection Program (AAIP) in Table 1 provided:

(1) Each aircraft listed in Table 1 is inspected in accordance with that program.

(2) The AAIP program is for any make and model of aircraft for which the certificate holder has the exclusive use of at least one aircraft (as defined in § 135.25(b)).

(3) The program includes instructions and procedures for the conduct of aircraft inspections (which must include necessary tests and checks), setting forth in detail the parts and areas of the airframe, engines, propellers, rotors, and appliances, including emergency equipment, that must be inspected.

(4) The program includes a schedule for the performance of the aircraft inspections expressed in terms of time in service, calendar time, number of system operations, or any combination of these.

(5) The program includes instructions and procedures for recording discrepancies found during inspections and correction or deferral of discrepancies, including form and disposition of records.

(6) The certificate holder includes the approved aircraft inspection program in its manual required by § 135.21.

Table 1 – Aircraft on Approved Aircraft Inspection Program

Aircraft Registration Number	Aircraft Serial Number	Aircraft M/M/S	Approved Airplane Inspection Program Document Name	FAA Program Approval Date