NOTICE

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SUBJ: Air Carrier Procedures for Flight Into/Out of and Over Cuba

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice contains updated guidance on the issuance of Operations Specification (OpSpec) B050, Authorized Areas of En Route Operations, Limitations, and Provisions, which allows certificate holders to land within the country of Cuba and/or overfly the Havana flight information region (FIR). This notice also highlights changes in requirements pertaining to travelers and air carriers intending to fly to Cuba.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO), certificate management offices (CMO), and principal operations inspectors (POI). 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 the MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices. Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at http://fsims.avs.faa.gov. Operators can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Web site at http://fsims.faa.gov. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.

4. Background.

a. Amended Regulations. In January 2015, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) amended regulations regarding flights between the United States and Cuba, which include:

- Authorizing certain travelers between the United States and Cuba;
- Allowing travel agency and air carrier services between the United States and Cuba; and
- Allowing overflight and emergency services payments to Cuba.

b. OFAC Requirements. OFAC does not require FAA inspectors to evaluate or provide a determination as to the operator's or their passengers' compliance with OFAC regulations. Inspectors should refer inquiries relating to OFAC requirements to the OFAC contact information that is provided below.

5. Action. POIs are authorized to issue or deny requests for OpSpec B050—for Caribbean Sea, including the islands/nations and the Havana FIR—based upon their own assessment of an operator's capabilities per FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 4, Issuance of OpSpec B050. Landing in or overflight through the Havana FIR no longer requires coordination with the Air Transportation Division (AFS-200).

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions concerning the information in this notice to the appropriate AFS-200 branch: the Part 121 Air Carrier Operations Branch (AFS-220) or the Part 135 Air Carrier Operations Branch (AFS-250) at 202-267-8166. For current OFAC information or answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), refer OFAC inquiries to the Cuba Sanctions Web page on the OFAC Web site at http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/cuba.aspx or call OFAC at 202-622-2480 or 786-845-2828.



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